



Preparing TOMORROW'S Leaders



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MESSAGE from the First SELECTWOMAN

"Preparing Tomorrow's Leaders" is a most fitting theme for this year's annual report. As a community, we have invested in our academic, sports and arts institutions and programs in order to provide Darien's youth with every opportunity to learn, thrive and achieve. In return, the youth of our community make us proud every day – through their many accomplishments, dedication and commitment to both their own personal successes and the betterment of our town. They are our future leaders.

Darien is very fortunate to have an outstanding school system. Our school population has soared to a record-high 4,000 students. Our new high school is celebrating its first year of operation and work nears completion on its athletic fields, including a new all-purpose turf field. Construction has begun on the new Tokeneke Elementary School and our community anxiously awaits its January 2008 opening.

Our community is so very proud of our students who achieve great things each and every year. This year, we boast 16 national merit scholars, three national merit finalists, and 91.3 percent of our graduating class was accepted in four-year colleges. Our music and arts programs continue to flourish, as our students enthrall us with their musical and theatrical productions.

Our community has much to offer our youth – and all of our residents. The Town of Darien boasts two beautiful public beaches and numerous parks and fields for all to enjoy. Through the Park and Recreation Department a number of activities and camps are offered. The YMCA and youth sports offer a variety of athletic opportunities – football, Little League, basketball, hockey – all of which are run and supported by parent volunteers. Each year the Boy Scout Troops host Eagle Courts on Honor, awarding an average of five badges a year.

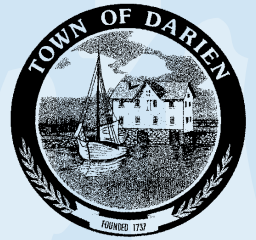
Post 53, a volunteer ambulance corps staffed by high school students under the direction of adult volunteers, is unlike any other operation in the U.S. We take great pride in knowing that they are at the ready when we need them most.

Many exciting changes are occurring in Darien – from new construction in the downtown, new businesses in the Noroton Heights Shopping District, and plans to build a new Darien Library to continued improvements to our parks, beaches, Town services and facilities.

I would like to thank all of our volunteers, the Town Hall staff and the Board of Selectmen for their commitment to make Darien the best that it can be.

Evonne M. Klein

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First Selectwoman



BEAUTIFICATION

Commission



The Beautification Commission had a very busy year during fiscal 2005-2006, as reflected in the following activities.

Hanging Planters: Seventy-four additional hanging planters further beautified the Post Road after the Commission voted to increase the number of planters extending further west on the Post Road. Research efforts yielded a happy result: 60 new baskets plus the 14 from the year before were planted and hung in mid-April. Plans call for an additional 20 baskets to be installed in the Noroton section of Darien in the spring of 2007, bringing the total to 94. This mission was spearheaded by Christine Merritt.

Standing Planters: Arrangements were made to donate the standing planters that formerly “resided” on the Post Road in central Darien to Darien High School, the Middle School, and Town Hall. The several remaining standing planters will be moved to Town Hall in the spring of 2007.

Adopt-a-Garden: The creativity of two of the newer members of the Commission – Jonathan Olmsted and Suzanne Schutte – brought about a new, public/private effort to solicit funds and seek active participation from the community in the maintenance and ongoing renewal of Darien’s traffic islands and other prominent roadside areas. With an attractive brochure developed by Jon and Suzanne, the Commission is actively marketing this program.

Cemetery Maintenance: The private historical cemeteries were maintained and mowed using both Commission funds and the help of members of the

Senior Men’s Committee and the Boy Scouts. This effort is coordinated by Commissioner John Schlactenhaufen.

Adopt-a-Spot: This program, overseen by Linda Goodyear and Sandy Filmer, was originally organized to coordinate the efforts of members of the community to spruce up smaller islands and other visible spots in their neighborhoods. People moving and other changes in the community require ongoing supervision and maintenance of the adopter lists. Last year, Adopt-a-Spot volunteers were awarded with a plaque thanking them for their efforts.

Squab Lane Project: The Squab Lane Project (the northbound railroad berm), phase one of which was planted in the fall of 2004, was watered, weeded, and mulched throughout the spring, summer, and fall. In addition, in the fall of 2005, 200 bearded blue iris bulbs were donated and installed by a volunteer and one of the commissioners. Though off the

beaten path, this landscaping has added immensely to the area, and will unfold further with the maturing of the plantings and the addition of the bearded iris among the thousands of daffodils. Insufficient funds in the Beautification Commission budget have constrained further progress on this project, but the plan is to incorporate the hillside in the Adopt-a-Garden program with the hope of soliciting the cooperation of nearby merchants.

Daffodils: No funds were expended by the Commission for miscellaneous daffodil and daylily bulb plantings this past fall because of expenses related to the hanging planters. The 40,000 or so bulbs planted over the past 10 years have continued to give the town quite a show in the spring.

Sign Regulations: The Beautification Commission continues to believe that the random placement of signs along Darien roadways detracts from the appearance of the town, while creating traffic and pedestrian hazards at key intersections,

Beautification Wish List:

- Complete Squab Lane Project, including establishing sidewalks and benches at the bottom of the hill (berm), with improved lighting and proper pruning (and perhaps removal) of the giant, aging white pines along the roadway.
- Renew traffic islands with a goal of replacing asphalt curbing with stone or brick and adding new plantings.
- Revitalize the railroad side of Tokeneke Road.
- Renew and replant appropriate areas of town beaches.
- Continue planting bulbs in strategic places around town.
- Purchase a watering truck.
- Seek consistent litter removal.
- Investigate and implement the painting of train trestles and overpasses in a suitable non-matte color for Darien.
- Replace deteriorating benches, litter bins, and trash baskets.
- Sink all downtown electrical lines underground.

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islands, and roadsides. The Commission recommends that: (a) the existing regulations be combined into a single Town code; (b) an effective and clearly enunciated effort be made to educate the public regarding the existence of such codes; and (c) the Board of Selectmen establish effective enforcement measures to deal with infractions of the code in a consistent manner. Bob Baker is currently working with the Darien Board of Realtors to improve voluntary compliance with existing regulations.

News Bin Regulations:

The Beautification Commission decries the proliferation of unsightly news bins throughout the central downtown area. Some progress was recorded on this issue in 2003-2004 when Commissioner Baker wrote personally to each company that had multiple dispensers in town. The result was that both the *NY Post* and the *NY Daily News* removed units that had been effectively abandoned, and the *Stamford Advocate* removed a bin that was infringing on pedestrian traffic. More recently, through the efforts of Commissioner Bob Baker and the cooperation and assistance

of the Darien Revitalization Inc. and others, the RTM voted in new regulations (effective April 1, 2007) regarding the news bins.

It Makes a Difference Campaign:

Commissioner Marcia Meinerth has created a new campaign to acknowledge the efforts of citizens and merchants to beautify the town. The program will enlist the help of local media to publicize worthy efforts and will provide guidelines to merchants for color schemes and appropriate plantings for their storefronts.

Public Art Projects: Commissioner Suzanne Schutte has completed a preliminary study of the potential for public art projects in Darien. The purpose of the study is to begin discussions regarding the creation of public art that will improve the environment and promote community pride and involvement. Possible targets include traffic signal boxes, other metal electrical boxes, or murals in appropriate sites. The Commission plans to explore approvals for a pilot effort of this artistic enhancement. ♦

Board of EDUCATION

Darien Public Schools served 4,486 students during 2005-2006, an increase of more than 2% from the previous year. There were 2,341 students in preschool through elementary, 1,054 students at Middlesex Middle School, and 1,091 students at Darien High School.

Darien High School (DHS) graduated 241 seniors from the class of 2006, 17 of which won national recognition in the National Merit Scholarship program, 15 as Commended Scholars and two as National Merit Semi-Finalists. At the Annual Awards Ceremony in May, DHS students were presented 105 awards for scholarship and community service, including college book awards, departmental awards, athletic and music awards, and community recognition awards. Darien High School hosted a scholarship ceremony on May 22 honoring seniors who received 50 scholarships from local civic and philanthropic organizations. Students in the class of 2006 continued to hold significant leadership positions at the Depot, Safe Rides, Post 53 and the Darien, Noroton and Noroton Heights Volunteer Fire Departments.

Alternative Learning Program (ALP) students performed almost 30 hours of community service during the school year, and several students did an additional 10 hours independently as an entry requirement. Local charity groups, such as the Lower Fairfield County Food Bank, The Depot, Person to Person, and the Kiwanis Club, were the main beneficiaries of the students' time and efforts. Field trips designed to build a strong and supportive community included a Wilton YMCA



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ropes course, a science research trip in Norwalk Harbor, a tour of the Maritime Aquarium, and a visit to the Liberation House Rehabilitation Center in Stamford. All six ALP graduating seniors were headed for college as the new academic year dawned.

The *Art Department* continued to offer outstanding artistic experiences, as more than fifty percent of the DHS student body elected art courses. These students participated in a variety of local and regional exhibitions, including shows at the Darien Library and the Darien Arts Council. A \$1,000 Darien Arts Council scholarship was awarded to a DHS student for outstanding achievement.

The *Computer Department*, which includes Computer Applications and Business Education, offers courses in Beginning Computer Science, Youth and the Law, Business Law, Computer Applications, and Investment/Personal Finance. The business and computer classes offer students the opportunity to use hardware and software on an extensive basis, resulting in a marked increase in productivity.

English Department highlights included World Literature Seminar Day, Global Encounter activities with Carnegie Hall,

the US/China Exchange Program, CAPT preparation, a variety of field trips, new course proposals, and first year use of ComFit.com., an on-line source for developing writing skills.

DHS has continued to be involved in the Global Encounters workshop for teachers at Carnegie Hall. World Lit Seminar students attended a concert at Carnegie Hall featuring Haitian singer Emeline Michele. Writers Workshop students attended a distance-learning event at Carnegie Hall where the audience was hooked up live with a school in Trinidad.

The *US-China Exchange Program* continued in its fourth year with the Shanghai #3 Girls Middle School. In March, eight Darien High School students and two teachers spent three weeks in Shanghai. Since the district is no longer operating under the U.S. State Department grant managed by the American Field Service, the China exchange coordinators made all the arrangements for the program. The exchange hosted several community events, including a welcoming dinner for host families and community members, a Chinese New Year dinner celebration, and an Evening of China, at which DHS exchange students made presentations about their experiences in China. Under

a second partnership, DHS welcomed a delegation from Qingdao #58 Middle School in September 2006. A Darien High School delegation will travel to Qingdao in April 2007.

Foreign Language Department highlights included: 27 DHS students ranked in the top ten in Connecticut at various levels of the French and Spanish National Examinations, including three students who ranked number one; 21 students were ranked nationally, including one who was ranked first in the country. In the state Latin competition, one student was awarded summa cum laude, one magna cum laude, and two were given an honorable mention. In the highly competitive World Language Poetry contest, DHS students won two gold and two silver medals.

The *History Department* continued to share ideas about curriculum and assessment, while experimenting with ways to effectively use technology in teaching. The use of tablet PCs, LCD projectors and desktop computers has proven valuable. Most teachers maintain web sites and are able to share PowerPoint presentations with their colleagues by storing them on the department "S" drive. This technology also is used to model student work. For example, AP European History students used it in presentations in 200 and 300 level 9th grade Western Civilization classes.

The new *Library-Media Center's* central location, numerous computers, and attractiveness of the facility have made the library a very popular place. Weekly visits increased from 4035 to 8296.

Mathematics Department highlights included:

- Average Math SAT II C score of 722 – among the highest in the nation.
- Math SAT average score at 606 – among the highest in Connecticut.
- Second highest CAPT score in Connecticut.
- 98% of DHS students scored a 4 or a 5 in the AP calculus and statistics exams, with a 100% participation rate.
- The DHS Math Team was one of two teams from medium-size schools participating in the Fairfield County Mathematics League at the Connecticut State competition.
- For the fifth successive year, DHS had a medal winner in the Connecticut Stock Market Game.

The *Music Department's* Band and Orchestra enriched the high school with its music. Band, Jazz Band and Tri-M Music Honor Society highlights include:

- Pre-school March Band Camp
- Saturday Football Games – Halftime Show, Homecoming Parade
- Gala Opening Concert of the High School Auditorium
- December and spring concerts
- Darien All-Town Band Festival
- Tri-M Concerts and trip to Metropolitan Opera
- Pops Cabaret and Jazz Pasta Fest
- School musical, senior recitals, awards assembly, and graduation
- Participation by a number of band members in the Connecticut Honors Band, Connecticut All-State Band, and Western Regional Band
- The Grammy Workshop and the Great Adventure Adjudication



The Darien High School Orchestra, with more than 50 members, is the largest string ensemble ever at DHS thanks, in part, to a new classroom to rehearse in and a beautiful auditorium in which to perform. The orchestra competed in the Music in the Parks Festival in Massachusetts, where it received a rating of “excellent” and won first place in the High School Orchestra division. Four freshmen were selected as members of the Fairfield County String Ensemble. Four students participated in the Western Regional Festival Orchestra and two students were selected as members of the All-State Orchestra.

The Vocal Music department had a great year – enrollment in the Concert Choir doubled from last year’s initial numbers, and the Tudor Singers welcomed several new members. Both groups performed extensively, with the Tudor Singers featured in the Auditorium Opening Gala and the Concert Choir performing for the Black History Month assembly. The ensembles participated in the Music in the Parks adjudicated festival in Jackson, New Jersey, where the Concert Choir earned a rating of “excellent” and the Tudor Singers earned a rating of “superior.”

Science Department initiatives, awards and achievements were numerous in 2005-2006. The Authentic Science Research Program completed its fifth year with great success. The following honors were bestowed on students in the program:

- National Junior Science and Humanities Symposium – invited presenter

- Connecticut State Science Fair – 4th place, Honorable Mention
- Connecticut Junior Science and Humanities Symposium – 2nd and 3rd place winners
- Southern Connecticut invitational Science and Engineering Fair – 1st place, 2nd place in research proposals
- Norwalk Comm. College Science Fair – Hon. Mention, 3rd place
- Intel Science Talent Search Semifinalist
- Shanghai International Youth Science and Technology Expo presenters
- Siemens Westinghouse semifinalist

The *Technology Education Department* had an outstanding year. Accomplishments included mentoring with Ox Ridge third grade teachers to gain insight about elementary teaching, and mentoring with professional engineers to assist with problems for the Fuel Cell Project and Authentic Science Research projects.

Multiple recognitions were received for the DHS Fuel Cell Project. This independent, learning-based engineering class included the design and construction of a fuel cell powered car that can achieve speeds of 35 mph, as well as a public education component. Presentations were given at the Shanghai, China International Science and Technology Youth Symposium, the Darien Kiwanis Club, the Darien Senior Men’s Association, workshops at the International Technology Educators Association Conference in Baltimore, the Connecticut Technology Educators Association workshop in New Britain, and the Darien Car Show – as a highlighted presenter.

Darien High School Athletics

Despite being one of the smallest schools in its league, DHS continues to field strong, competitive teams. During 2005-2006, there were 59 athletic teams with upwards of 74% of the student body participating in at least one sport. Of significant note is an increase in participation by students at all levels, especially freshmen. Senior athletes played pivotal roles in leading their teams to the following honors:

Volleyball	FCIAC Eastern Division Champions FCIAC Champions State Class M Champions
Boys Cross Country	FCIAC Eastern Division Champions State Class M State Meet 2nd place
Girls Cross Country	FCIAC Eastern Division Champions State Class M Champions
Field Hockey	State Qualifier FCIAC East Champions
Girls Soccer	State Class M Qualifier
Swimming (G)	FCIAC Runner-up Class S State Champions Connecticut State Open – 3rd Place
Swimming (B)	State Qualifier
Ice Hockey (B)	FCIAC Champions and State Qualifier
Basketball (G)	State Quarter Finalist
Gymnastics	State Class S 3rd Place
Ice Hockey (G)	Qualified for League Playoffs
Indoor Track (B)	FCIAC Eastern Division Champions State Class M Champions
Indoor Track (G)	FCIAC Eastern Division Champions State Class M Runner-up
Skiing	State Qualifier
Lacrosse (G)	FCIAC Champions CIAC Division I Runner-up
Lacrosse (B)	FCIAC Champions Class M State Champions
Girls Tennis	State Qualifier Doubles Team State Runner-up
Boys Tennis	Class M State Runner-up
Boys Golf	State Division III – 3rd Place
Softball	State Qualifier
Boys Track	FCIAC Eastern Division Champions State Class MM Champions State Open Runner-up
Girls Track	Class MM State – 3rd Place

(B) = Boys
(G) = Girls



With the new improved DHS website, news, announcements and downloadable forms are now more accessible to students, parents and staff. In collaboration with the Music Department, the webpage will be used to distribute a Pod-cast of compositions from their classes.

Clubs and Activities at DHS involved hundreds of students engaged in hundreds of initiatives. The Animal Rights Club held bake sales and volunteered at Spay Day in New Canaan. The Buddy System, which is dedicated to fostering positive and meaningful interactions between students with special needs and the mainstream population, consists of approximately 25 members who work on art projects, play indoor and outdoor games, and have begun to work on compositions in the Music Technology Lab. Plans are to expand fundraising efforts towards raising money for special needs-related organizations like S.T.A.R., Special Olympics and the Walk for Autism.

Community Council events included Homecoming (dance and parade), transitioning into the new Darien High School, volunteering with Special Olympics, and the ice-cream social. Council members also attended a CAS event acknowledging their efforts in fundraising for Tsunami Relief, highlighted by keynote speaker former President Clinton. Members were selected because the Community Council was able to raise more than \$10,000 for Tsunami relief. DHS was the State's top contributor to the CAS Tsunami Relief Fund, proceeds from which were used to build a new school in the affected region.

The 25-member Debate Team attended five regular season state tournaments and the state championship tournament. Darien hosted the state finals on April 8. Team members won several awards, including third place at tournaments in Middletown and Stamford, and a first place at the Wilton tournament.

The KGB, Kids Giving Back, participated in a variety of volunteer activities including:

- The Sneaker Drive (with the Darien Environmental Group)
- Five Habitat for Humanity work days
- After-school programs in Stamford
- Collecting more than 100 SAT study guides for use at after-school tutoring centers

In its fourth year, the Model United Nations Club participated in the World Affairs Forum World Quest Competition. The club also participated in the US United Nations Association Model United Nations Conference.

The National Honor Society inducted 52 new members bringing total membership for the year to 75. Among this year's activities were:

- Fundraising for Operation Smile; Invisible Children
- Community participation in Stepping Stones, Habitat for Humanity, Diversity Day, Parent's Night, Stamford Hospital, Person to Person, Special Olympics, Tutoring, Food Drives, Shoveling for Seniors, Depot, Red Cross, Library Inventory, Pegasus Therapeutic Riding, Safe Rides

The Spanish Club held fundraising activities and organized several events including a Mexican Dia de los Muertos

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party and the 2nd annual Fiesta de Mayo. Theatre 308's main stage production of "Into the Woods" saw 100 students participating in various areas of the production. A student video was made of the production and distributed to participants. In addition, two Theatre 308 seniors prepared and performed Shakespearian monologues for the Gala Opening of the DHS Theatre.

Middlesex Middle School served 1054 students during 2005-2006. A total of eleven academic teams were comprised of 366 6th graders, 374 7th graders, and 314 8th graders. These academic teams consisted of teachers from the following academic areas: English, math, science, social studies, and foreign languages. Within the team configuration, students attended academic classes, special area classes, and field trip activities. Teaming has become an integral part of day-to-day life at Middlesex.

During the school year, the middle school continued to focus on effective assessments and enhancing classroom instructional practices so that all students are appropriately challenged. Teachers also participated in activities that focused on improving students' writing abilities. Common assessments, scoring rubrics, the Write Traits, and "higher cognitive demand" have all become common terms among staff and students. Several teachers have become involved in the district and school level Technology Committees. These individuals have been integral partners with other district members as plans for installing presentation and tablet PC systems have come to light for the Middlesex community. Teachers have

continued the practice of using the Teacher Web website to post their expectations, weekly lesson outlines, and homework as a means of keeping lines of communication open to parents. Teachers have worked to keep the websites updated and linked to the Middlesex website.

Special Education programs continued to be integrated into the Middlesex community. Co-taught classes were present at all three grade levels across several teams. During the school year, two teams per grade level served students through the co-teaching model. Much professional growth has taken place among the staff as they work side-by-side to meet the needs of all students who are receiving services in their classes alongside their peers.

Citizenship has continued to be an ongoing goal of the Middlesex community. Students are held accountable to The Student Code of Behavior handbook and the Five Beliefs, which are posted in prominent places to serve as reminders of expected student behaviors. For the first time, Middlesex worked in conjunction with Shakespeare on

the Sound to incorporate various aspects of the Developmental Guidance program into a new realm. It was exciting to see 7th graders learn about respect, trust, and anti-bullying strategies from "real actors" and their English teachers. The Student Council continues to play a major role in helping to create an awareness of good citizenship and civic responsibility through many fundraisers. Candy cane drives, Penny Wars, and Spiritwear clothing sales enabled students to make donations to Operation Hope, Americares, American Cancer Society, and other charitable organizations. Toys for Tots provided more than 900 new toys for children in surrounding communities. In addition, several individual teams initiated contact with local charities and offered their services as a means of being proactive in meeting the needs of others. Ongoing visits and special packages to the Stamford Homeless Shelter became regular experiences. A special treat took place this year when pop singer Clay Aiken made a surprise visit to thank students for their outstanding efforts for UNICEF, and to inform them of their status as #1 in the country for raising money and awareness during the "Trick or Treat" program.





Middlesex students also demonstrated excellence in academic and competitive areas. CMT and ERB scores reached high levels, several students earned Presidential Physical Fitness Awards, and students scored well in the annual COLT foreign language competitions. The Camerata Singers and the Jazz Band competed at the Western Connecticut Regional competition and received superior ratings. Students also actively participated in debate, Geography Bee, and History Day competitions. In fact, one Middlesex student went to the national level in the Geography Bee for the second consecutive year. The middle school also had state level winners in the foreign language poetry contest and the Connecticut Writing Project. All 8th graders completed a major research project for the Middlesex Science exhibition and more than 100 seventh graders participated in the Johns Hopkins CTY Program.

Two overnight trips were held, in addition to several day trips. In October, the 8th grade students spent three days in Boston to lay the foundation for the social studies curriculum. Due to the number of students in the 6th grade, the “Colebrook trip” (now called “The Expo”) once again was spread across two Nature’s Classroom sites. Three teams went to Colebrook, while one went to Ivoryton. Other field trips included the Museum of Natural History, Norwalk Maritime Center, Dance Asia performances, and science museums in New York City. More than 55 club offerings allowed students to participate in the Activity/Club program. Winter and spring concerts spotlighted the efforts of students in the band, chorus, and

orchestra. The Sports Program involved a high number of students throughout the school year. As spring approached, attention focused on transitioning the 8th graders into high school and welcoming the incoming 6th graders. The 8th Grade Promotion Day marked a special milestone for graduates and parents alike.

Elementary Schools: In 2005-2006, the overall enrollment in Darien’s elementary schools was unchanged from the previous year, although there were fluctuations in the number of students at specific schools. All elementary school buildings had adequate capacity to accommodate current student populations.

There was a clear focus on educational improvement in the Darien Public Schools expressed through yearly goals that were articulated at the district, building, teacher and student levels. All goals were aligned to guarantee a unified effort towards achieving common objectives. One major goal is to assure that all students had access to challenging and enriching instructional programming. This goal is being achieved through ongoing revision of curriculum and instructional practice in all content areas, with a focus on increasing cognitive demand and cultivating students’ high-order thinking processes.

An important focus in the elementary schools was the implementation of the workshop model of instruction for reading and writing in the language arts. Through the workshop process, teachers facilitate children’s progress as readers and writers as they read literature and

write for authentic purposes. The model allows teachers to tailor instruction to the abilities and needs of the students. Students are motivated to take an active role in their learning; as a result, they experience stronger academic growth.

Implementation of the workshop model was accompanied by targeted professional development. Teachers worked collaboratively with periods of reflection, evaluation, and revision with a focus on the quality of student work. Teachers supplemented their knowledge and expertise by attending a wide array of professional development programs locally and across the nation and the world during the summer. Many of their summer experiences were funded by the Sydnor and Miriam Reiss Teachers Fund for Further Study, and by Barbara Harrington Grants through the Darien Advocates for Education of the Gifted.

The elementary school curriculum also was supplemented and enriched by a variety of appearances by speakers and performers, before-and-after school clubs and other special events and activities. Students took field trips to the Darien Nature Center, the Peabody Museum of Natural History, the Darien Historical Society’s Bates-Scofield House and other historic sites in Darien, the Metropolitan Museum of Art, the Norwalk Maritime Aquarium, and SoundWaters.

In 2005-2006, Darien’s elementary schools continued to be lively centers of learning in which children are nurtured and challenged to extend beyond basic knowledge and skills and apply their learning in meaningful activities. ♦

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BUILDING Department

The Darien Building Department is comprised of the building official, an assistant building official, an office administrator, a secretary and a part-time building official.

Building activity in Darien remained at a high level during fiscal 2005-2006. The estimated value of construction represented by 901 building permits issued for residential, commercial and miscellaneous permits totaled \$159,621,000. Fees collected (including miscellaneous fees) totaled \$1,527,692.

The estimated average construction cost for a new home built in Darien in 2005-2006 was \$1,067,455 compared to \$1,165,791 in the prior fiscal year. Forty-five dwellings were demolished during the fiscal year; 55 new dwellings were built. Once again, the per-square-foot cost of remodeling a dwelling was nearly double the cost of building new; as a result, demolition remains an economical alternative for the prospective buyer.

During 2005 – 2006, the Building Department issued 982 electrical permits,

1006 heating/ventilation/air-conditioning permits, 461 plumbing permits, 404 certificates of occupancy, 228 certificates of compliance, and four fair permits.

The coming year will see a substantial increase in commercial development due, in large part, to the approval of the Dolcetti, Sanford & Genovese properties within the downtown revitalization sector. The Commerce Bank and First County banks have been approved for occupancy. The Darien-Rowayton Bank has taken occupancy of the former First County Bank, and the Tokeneke Elementary School is in full construction with occupancy anticipated for 2008. The development of the former Howard Johnson also is on the agenda. ♦



Darien Building Department 2005 – 2006

	Number of permits issued		Estimated Construction Value	
	2004-2005	2005-2006	2004-2005	2005-2006
New Dwellings	48	55	55,958,000	58,710,000
Residential				
Add & alter	437	406	90,662,000	83,626,000
Commercial	48	51	11,019,119	9,029,000
All others	352	389	7,137,000	8,256,000
TOTALS:	885	901	164,776,119	159,621,000

Advisory Commission on COASTAL WATERS

Darien's beautiful coastline, clean waters and six harbors are home to 1,000 boats, two public beaches, a public launching ramp, and productive recreational and commercial shellfish beds for the thousands of residents who utilize these valuable natural resources.

During fiscal 2005-2006, the Darien Advisory Commission on Coastal Waters had nine formal meetings, numerous subcommittee meetings (both on and off the water), four meetings with the Darien Board of Selectmen, and represented Darien in 32 outside meetings with various Long Island Sound environmental marine organizations working on the following issues.

LNG/Broadwater: For the second year, the Commission tracked the plan by Broadwater Energy LLC to build a large floating liquid natural gas (LNG) platform in the middle of Long Island Sound to supply natural gas primarily to New York City and Long Island. The Commission recommended, and the Board of Selectmen approved, a position that Darien oppose the project. This position was reached after careful consideration of both sides of this complex issue, including meetings with the U.S. Coast Guard, Broadwater and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC). FERC's recommendation to approve the project – as set forth in an 800-page environmental impact statement – is being studied. The Commission will recommend further action to the Board of Selectmen.

Shellfish Management: The Commission, in concert with the Connecticut Bureau of Aquaculture and the Darien Health Department, took part

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in on-the-water surveys of the clam and oyster populations in Scott's Cove, Darien's most valuable recreational shellfish bed. A revised recreational clamming permit process was developed and approved. Plans for better managing this resource for recreational shell-fishermen are in development. Ongoing communication initiatives have included meetings with the Norwalk and Stamford Shellfish Commissions, as well as with commercial shell-fishermen.

Boats, Harbors, and Waters

Ordinances: During the year, the Advisory Commission gained Board of Selectmen and RTM approval of upgraded and revised Darien Boats, Harbors, and Waters charter and ordinances. State approval of these revisions is now underway.

Town Affairs: The Advisory Commission discusses coastal and marine storm planning with Darien emergency planning personnel on an ongoing basis. A new FEMA tidal storm flood map for Darien was distributed during the year. A survey of the Darien Harbor channel undertaken by the Commission indicated that there has been very little silting since the channel was dredged three years ago. The Commission reviewed 12 Darien applications to build new piers and floats from residences and submitted recommended changes to the coastal and

marine sections of the new Town Plan. The Commission continues to work with the Darien Harbor Master on mooring issues, and it is monitoring Town plans regarding the repair of the Holly Pond dam.

Environmental Affairs: Advisory Commission members are involved in many outside Long Island Sound environmental marine organizations and projects. Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) projects included recommending support of an initiative to make Connecticut waters no-discharge zones; support of the initiative to expand the legal borders of influence in adjacent waters to Connecticut, including most of Long Island Sound; and adding special recognition to those who complete the longer Connecticut Safe Boating Certificate course, which is much more suitable for boat operators on the open waters of Long Island Sound than the "short" course. Commission members also worked on projects to reduce the costs of dredging permits and to develop future dredge disposal alternatives. Organizations on which Commission members are represented include: the Citizens Advisory Council of the LIS Study, the DEP Boating Advisory Council, the Connecticut Harbor Management Association, the LIS Assembly and Council, the U.S. Coast Guard Harbor Working Group, and the Darien Sail and Power Squadron. ♦

DARIEN Revitalization, Inc.

Darien Revitalization, Inc. (DRI), which will be two years old in June 2007, is a nonprofit, privately funded, volunteer-driven organization whose purpose is to guide community efforts to enhance and develop Darien's downtown district.

DRI's roots go back to the fall of 2004, when Darien First Selectwoman Evonne Klein gathered members of what was then the Downtown Merchants Association together with residents and property owners to begin the data collection, information gathering and application process for designated town status in the Connecticut Main Street program. In June 2005, Darien was notified of its acceptance into the Connecticut Main Street Center and Darien Revitalization, Inc. was born.

The Connecticut Main Street Center grew out of efforts that began in 1977, when the National Trust for Historic Preservation, concerned about the decline of historic downtowns, launched the Main Street Project. By 1990 the Main Street four-point strategy – which creates an organizational structure from a town's diverse groups, markets its downtown, designs architectural and streetscape improvements, and restructures the community's economy – had been adopted by more than 600 communities nationwide. Today, there are more than 2,000 Main Street communities.

Darien's downtown district extends from Ledge Road to Sedgewick Avenue, and includes Goodwives Shopping Center and Tilley Park. A board of directors and four committees (comprised of more than fifty volunteers representing a diversity of groups interested in all aspects of downtown development and improvement)



The Depot

In 1989, a group of Darien parents and high school students saved a historic train station slated for demolition. Starting with only a dream, they created the Depot, a drug and alcohol free teen center.

oversee a fulltime executive director and part-time associate.

DRI's mission statement keeps its board and committees focused on working toward achieving its long term goals: *"To maintain and enhance the unique charm, character and historic significance of downtown Darien, while ensuring a variety of retail, dining and housing as well as social and cultural activities for residents and visitors of all ages."*

The DRI mission statement incorporates old and new – enhancing what exists while actively recruiting the pieces that are missing downtown. The key to this effort is to maintain the charm, character and history and the downtown area. While change is eminent, Darien Revitalization will work to guide the change and serve as the constant, looking at the big picture when new projects are proposed and offering recommendations that take into consideration the district as a whole.

During the past year and a half, DRI has been busy establishing itself as the "go to" organization for merchants, property owners, realtors and entrepreneurs looking for space to rent. In addition to its role in networking to get the best variety of merchants possible into available space, DRI serves in many other capacities. For example, DRI played a key role in attracting several new establishments to the downtown district, developed a photo inventory document of all the businesses in the downtown district, held its first

downtown event, "Father's Day Downtown Car Show," hosted a resource team to intensively study downtown (the result of which was a 73-page report available at DarienLibrary.com), worked with DOT to eliminate the street sign clutter along the Post Road, and coordinated a group effort to select a light fixture that will become the standard for downtown municipal/private parking lots.

A major Design Committee project in the works is the development of a downtown Master Streetscape Plan for signage, benches, trash receptacles, newsbins, model block sidewalk, trees, crosswalks, and art work (murals) in downtown public areas, such as building walls and electrical transformers. Other projects include developing a database for all downtown businesses and properties, planning another spring event, the first Tilley Park Productions event, a "Jazz in the Park" concert series for the summer of 2007, and developing signs that would identify municipal parking lots and welcome visitors to the downtown district.

Currently, there are four building projects on the Post Road within the downtown district in various stages of development. Construction will most likely begin within the next six months on two of them. These new buildings will house restaurants, a variety of retail shops, expand the space for an existing shop and include apartments. The long-neglected face of downtown Darien is about to get a much needed make-over. ♦

Today, the Depot is overseen by an Adult Advisory Board and executive director and run by a Student Governing Board under the supervision of a fulltime director and part-time staff. The adult board focuses primarily on fundraising, capital building projects and operations management. The student board is responsible for day-to-day programming, creating and enforcing the rules of conduct, and for ongoing participation in community outreach. Some of the functions planned by students are the Homecoming Auction, "Best of the Best," Halloween Costume party, Band Nights, Dance, Dance Revolution competitions, outdoor movie nights and much more.





Emergency Medical Services (EMS)

Post 53

The Depot is a valuable town asset. It provides Darien teenagers with a supervised substance-free environment in which to socialize. The members of the student governing board benefit from their unique roles and responsibilities, while the student population at large benefits from the wide array of programming designed by their peers. The Depot is open five days a week to all Darien high school students, whether they are public, private or home schooled. Visit the website at dariendepot.org. ♦



Emergency medical care in Darien is a team effort involving police, ambulance, and fire personnel – all working together with the single goal of providing the highest possible level of pre-hospital care for the town's citizens.

When citizens call 9-1-1 for a medical emergency, they activate a coordinated, tiered level of response. First on the scene – within 2-3 minutes – is a trained medical First Response Darien police officer followed shortly by a Post 53 Advanced Life Support EMT-Intermediate (EMT-I) in a fly car and then one of the three Post 53 ambulances. The fire department responds when needed, providing additional trained medical response personnel, as well as scene protection and extrication expertise, particularly at motor vehicle accidents. In potentially life-threatening situations, paramedics are dispatched simultaneously, arriving on scene within minutes of a 9-1-1 call.

The core of Darien Emergency Medical Services is the nationally known, award-winning young adult organization, Post 53, comprised of 50 highly trained Darien High School students who, with their adult Advanced Life Support advisors, deliver free around-the-clock emergency ambulance service to the citizens of Darien. Career paramedics from Stamford Emergency Medical Services (SEMS) provide drug and advanced airway interventions when needed.

Extensive and continuing training is crucial to ensuring the high quality of patient care at every level. Membership in Post 53 is highly competitive with 15 members selected from each high school class. Those selected then receive approximately 150 hours of training to become certified at age 16 as Emergency Medical Technicians. Adult member EMT-Is receive another 80 hours of training and are certified to provide an advanced level of cardiac, airway management and shock treatment. Darien police are trained as medical first responders by Post 53 instructors. Since March, 1998, they have been equipped with and trained in the use of automated external defibrillators (AED) which, when applied early in some cases of cardiac arrest, can reverse a potentially fatal heart rhythm. The prompt use of AEDs has resulted in several saves, proving their value as an important adjunct to Darien's entire emergency response system.

An all-volunteer organization, Post 53 receives no financial support from the town. Members earn a portion of their annual operating budget through fundraising events such as the fall "Limette Doble Memorial Art Show" and the Memorial Day "Community Celebration and Food Fair." They work and earn as much as they can before asking others for help. When patients need the services of paramedics, they are billed, at a State-approved rate. ♦

Darien EMS 2007 Call Statistics

Medical:	877
Trauma:	611
Total Number of Responses:	1480

Note: Some calls were categorized as both medical and trauma.



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FINANCE

Department

The Finance Department once again received the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada. During fiscal 2005-2006, the department continued to work to improve operations and implement new financial standards as they are promulgated.

Office of the Tax Collector

The October 1, 2004 net Grand List collectible, after all lawful additions, deductions and corrections, totaled \$82,229,884.81. Collections amounted to \$81,797,019.76, leaving \$432,865.05 uncollected as of June 30, 2006.

During fiscal 2005-06, \$254,632.63 in back taxes, \$238,906.01 in delinquent interest and \$1,272.00 in lien/fees were collected. In June, liens were recorded on 58 properties with unpaid taxes.

Other collections received by the Tax Collector during the fiscal year included \$2,460,483.65 for Sewer Service Charges

and \$47,850.47 in delinquent interest and lien fees. In addition, Sewer Assessment Contract collections totaled \$717,681.12 for assessment charges and \$7,803.10 in delinquent interest and lien fees.

Assessor's Office

The primary function of the Assessor's Office is to set values on all real and personal property for the purposes of establishing the annual Grand List – the basis for the collection of Darien's local property tax. The development of the Grand List is an ongoing, year-round effort requiring office personnel to have a strong background in fundamental appraisal methods in order to ascertain the various taxable and tax exempt properties in Darien. The Assessor must be able to both define these values and defend final assessments before the public.

The Assessor's Office maintains sales and permit information on more than 7,100 real estate parcels; establishes annual market values and prorates assessments to more than 18,000 taxable motor vehicles; and

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Executive Director

monitors the ever-changing assessment list to 1,000+ business personal property taxpayers. The Assessor's Office also maintains a variety of exemptions that are detailed in the Assessor's section of the Town of Darien website (www.darien.org).

During fiscal 2005-2006, the Assessor's Office worked in concert with the Town Planner and the Building Department to select and implement a centralized building permit software program known as Cityview. This effort has already had a significant effect on the workings of the Assessor's Office through the provision of an accurate, well-defined database, which will provide immediate notice of temporary and final certificate-of-occupancy permits. The Assessor also will use this database to establish the status of construction for work-in-progress permits and to determine the percentage of construction as of each assessment date. With Cityview and next

Property Levies and Collections – Last Ten Years

Fiscal Year	Tax Rate in Mills	Current Tax Collections	Percent of Taxes Collected
1996-97	15.32	\$42,883,292	98.79%
1997-98	16.13	\$45,783,083	99.22%
1998-99	17.05	\$48,794,622	99.24%
1999-00	17.72	\$51,475,658	99.00%
2000-01	13.06	\$54,238,998	99.30%
2001-02	14.02	\$58,217,146	99.33%
2002-03	14.98	\$62,558,723	99.36%
2003-04	16.00	\$67,329,390	99.34%
2004-05	11.95	\$73,900,632	99.51%
2005-06	13.40	\$81,797,020	99.50%

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year's conversion to Arcview (mapping software), the Office will be well prepared to release its RFP for the next scheduled revaluation (October 1, 2008). The Office is aggressively pursuing audits of taxable personal property. Twenty-two accounts have had their federal records reviewed, another significant refinement to the duties of the Assessor.

Last year's mailing to more than 1,100 households where occupants are over the age of 64 resulted in an increase of homeowners receiving adjustments to their property tax based on income. Darien has 179 households receiving property tax relief as of July 2006. The income guideline for program eligibility is \$56,700 for a single applicant and \$62,900 for a married couple (inclusive of Social Security). Applicants for tax relief must provide the Assessor's Office with copies of their federal income tax forms.

Real Estate

The 2005 Grand List includes a \$78.2 million increase to the real estate section due to the continuous high volume of building permits and new construction activity that has occurred throughout the Darien. The Assessor's Office staff has reviewed several thousand of Darien's 6,987 parcels and has mailed assessment change notices to 676 property owners. All taxpayers with increased assessments are offered the opportunity to file an appeal before the Board of Assessment Appeals. Applications must be filed on or before February 20.

Motor Vehicles

Darien has a total of 17,956 motor vehicles on the '05 Grand List, a decrease of 103 from last year.

Personal Property

Darien has 1,100 business personal accounts with an assessed value of \$71.8 million. ♦

Fire MARSHAL

The Darien Fire Marshal's Office, established in 1980 as a fulltime department, represents and works closely with Darien's three volunteer fire departments: Noroton Fire Department, Noroton Heights Fire Department, and the Darien Fire Department. Responsibilities include: annual inspections of all buildings (other than one- or two-family dwellings); fire investigations; plan review and construction inspections of all buildings (other than one- or two-family homes); fire prevention education programs; permits for blasting and tank removals; inspection and certification of hazardous material transport vehicles housed in Darien; inspection and certification of all day care centers, nursery schools, convalescent centers and liquor permit establishments; as well as other assorted duties. The Fire Marshal and Deputy Fire Marshal are certified by the State of Connecticut and are mandated by state statute to participate in 90 hours of educational training every three years.

Highlights of Fire Marshal activities in fiscal 2005-2006 include:

- The new Darien High School opened its doors at the start of the new school year. After numerous inspections and long hours spent at the facility, it was determined to be safe for occupancy.
- Fiscal 2005-2006 was another heavy year for blasting, as many projects are now being built are on ledge. This requires constant inspection from the Fire Marshal's Office to ensure compliance by blasters, as well as meetings with neighbors to alleviate concerns, answer questions, and handle complaints.

Town of Darien - Net Grand List Comparison

*The October 1, 2005 Net Grand List reflects a 70% assessed value of \$6,417,472,453, an increase of \$86,192,308 over last year's list prior to the actions of the Board of Assessment Appeals. The following is a comparison between the October 1, 2004 Grand List and the October 1, 2005 Grand List:

Category	2004	2005	% Change	\$ Change
Real Estate	\$6,059,368,290	\$6,137,640,140	1.01%	\$78,271,850
Motor Vehicle	\$ 209,890,163	\$ 209,838,460	.00%	\$ -51,703
Personal Prop	\$63,745,067	\$71,816,553	.03%	\$ 8,071,486
Gross Total	\$6,333,003,520	\$6,419,295,153	1.04%	\$86,291,633
Exemptions	\$ -1,723,375	\$ -1,822,700		
Net Grand List	\$6,331,280,145	\$6,417,472,453	1.04%	+\$86,291,633

*The Grand List comparison is based on the State of Connecticut-required '04 M-13 report dated January 26, 2006 before Board of Assessment Appeals hearings last year and before Board of Assessment Appeal hearings this year.



- A part-time inspector started working for the Fire Marshal's Office on August 1, 2005, in order to help the Office get caught up on routine inspections. State law requires annual inspections of all buildings, with the exception of one- or two-family homes.

Major projects completed this year included: Darien High School, Shaw's Supermarket, First County Bank, Commerce Bank and Darien Imaging.

Investigations undertaken during the year included: structure fires at Point O'Woods Road South, Rockwell Lane, Dickinson Road and Nearwater Lane; a fire suppression system discharge at the Darien Car Clinic; two mutual aid structure fire investigations in New Canaan; an unusual liquid on Gorham's

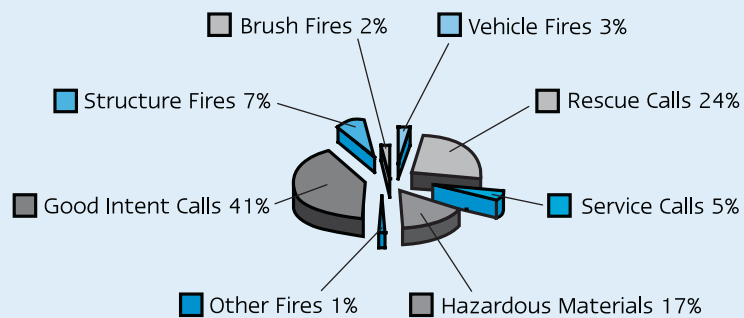
Pond; leaking oil tanks at Fairview Avenue, Crimmins Road and Ridgeview Avenue; a mutual aid investigation of a Freon release at the New Canaan Library; a flash fire at the Post Road House Restaurant as a result of an employee attempting to light a stove (fortunately, no injuries were sustained); and water discoloration of a pond on

St Nicholas Road, the result of fertilizer bag being torn open by animals, after which heavy rain washed the fertilizer into the pond.

Special Inspections/Events:

- The July fireworks show at Woodway Country Club requires that the Fire

Types of Fire Calls for Fiscal Year 2006



Darien Fire Marshal Office Activity

Activity	2003-2004	2004-2005	2005-2006
Blasting permits issued	5	10	19
Liquor permits signed and certified	29	38	34
Fuel oil and L.P. gas tank permits issued	153	154	114
Blasting site inspections	84	148	286
Tank inspections	62	78	61
Fire reports filed with the State Fire Marshal	1355	1273	1373
Meetings/interactions with non/Town persons	712	926	968
Public Fire Education Programs	31	35	38
Number of pre-school children educated	579	621	791
Day Care Centers inspected and certified.	7	7	7
Fuel oil trucks inspected and certified.	6	6	6
Fireworks shows inspected and overseen.	2	1	1
Guest houses inspected for operational permits	3	3	3
Amusement rides and Fair inspected	2	2	2
Residential fires Investigated	8	8	6
Commercial fires Investigated	4	2	4
False alarm bills	328	263	317



Harbor MASTERS

Marshal's Office be on site from the arrival of fireworks until clean-up. A full inspection of the set-up is undertaken to ensure that crowds and occupied buildings are safe distances from the show.

- The Hindley Happening and Tokeneke Big Pumpkin Fairs were inspected. All rides were checked for proper installation and operation.
- High School and Middle School plays were inspected, as were the Post 53 Food Fair and Darien High School Post Prom Party.

Public Education Programs:

- A public education program was held for the Youth Commission Camp.
- Nearly 800 nursery school children were taught not to be afraid of a firefighter in full turnout gear; how to do "stop, drop and roll" if their clothing catches fire; how to escape a fire by crawling under smoke, and the proper reasons for calling 9-1-1.
- A fire prevention program was presented to the Mom's Morning In program.
- Fire prevention and safety talks were given to residents of Sterling Glen. The program taught residents proper procedures to take in the event of a fire or other emergency in their rooms or within the facility.
- The Boy Scouts were presented with a program on fire safety and preparedness.
- Fire drill procedures were reviewed for Cliggott Publishing. ♦

Darien is fortunate to have a beautiful coastline on Long Island Sound, where such wonderful activities as sailing, power boating, water sports, swimming and fishing take place. For the 2006 boating season, there were 203 moorings in Darien Harbor and 26 in Ziegler's Cove (the same totals as last year). Tokeneke/Scotts Cove now has 11 moorings, two more than during the 2005 season. There also was an increase in the number of small boats on the harbors, the result of new docks approved by the State for the local land owners. There are four separate moorings in waters outside the established harbors. On the northeast side of Long Neck Point a mooring has been approved for a 106-foot power boat located directly in front of its owner's residence.

Darien's mooring policy is to provide as many moorings as possible in each harbor without crowding. Currently, there are 50 people on the mooring wait list. Experience indicates that 20 of these people, upon receiving a call that a mooring space is available, will decline the space for various reasons.

The recently approved regulation that only three boats are to be allowed for rafting on any mooring has been, for the most part, a success. In other news, the Long Neck Point land mass proved to be an excellent barrier to the severe storm that hit in mid-September. Only two boats broke away from their moorings, both of which suffered only minor damage. At the Darien Boat Club, one kayak was picked up by the wind and carried out of the harbor. To date, nobody has reported a missing kayak. ♦



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HEALTH

Department

The goal of the Darien Health Department is to promote and protect the public health of Darien residents by emphasizing disease surveillance and prevention through education and state and local code enforcement.

Food Service: The Health Department uses a variety of tools to reduce the risk of food-borne illness at all Class III and IV food service establishments, including comprehensive, risk-based food service inspections, plan review, and Qualified Food Operator (QFO) training courses. Notices of Violation (NOVs) are issued to food service establishments that fail to meet the minimum standards of the Public Health Code. The NOV program has been very successful in ensuring compliance with all applicable public health codes. Since the inception of the "risk-based" inspection program, the number of NOVs issued has risen from eight and 12 in fiscal 2003-2004 and 2004-2005, respectively, to a total of 43 during fiscal 2005-2006. Approximately 44 percent of the establishments receiving an NOV had a failing score on their first quarterly inspection; 42 percent of those also failed their reinspection. A comparison between the number of public health "risk factor" violations reported during initial inspections and follow-up inspections showed a 63 percent decrease.

During 2005-2006, the Health Department issued: 154 food service licenses for 106 establishments and 48 temporary services; conducted 208 food service inspections at restaurants, markets, itinerant vendors, schools, summer camps, beach and yacht clubs, town recreational facilities and temporary events; reviewed 55 food service



plans; held one QFO training class; made 131 field visits; and closed three food services facilities due to various health code violations and operating without a license. There were 64 inquiries related to communicable diseases resulting in eight follow-up investigations. Numerous food-related inquiries/consultations/complaints were received, responded to and acted on.

Bioterrorism/Emergency Planning:

A bioterrorism lecture was offered to the Board of Education and the director and staff of the School Food Service in September 2005. The lecture was a follow-up to the bio-security assessment of the schools' food service operations currently conducted by the inspectors. The Department also is educating retail and food service establishments on the potential for a bioterrorism act on the nation's food supply. During fiscal 2005-2006, the Health Department participated in regional monthly meetings on bioterrorism and handled numerous inquiries on the subject from the public, particularly from food service establishments. In April 2006 staff participated in a "Point of Distribution" emergency exercise sponsored by the Westport/Weston Health District. Ongoing meetings on pandemic flu, smallpox and bioterrorism were held with other health agencies and emergency planners.

Subsurface Sewage Disposal/Wells:

The Darien Health Department issues permits and inspects the installation and repair of all subsurface sewage disposal systems to ensure compliance with the Connecticut Public Health Code. In addition, the Department reviews house plans for new construction to determine compliance with Sec. B100a of the Connecticut septic code. Septic approval and clearances are forwarded to all applicable town agencies prior to the issuance of permits to discharge.

During the past fiscal year, the Health Department issued 56 septic permits, 41 soil tests and 113 septic clearances; reviewed 143 septic plans; conducted 383 septic field investigations; and participated in 2,669 consultations. Seventeen septic haulers have been inspected and permitted to operate in Darien. The Department also answered 46 inquiries regarding wells/well water and issued 17 well permits.

Cosmetology/Public Swimming Pools:

The goal of the Darien Health Department is to ensure that all local cosmetology shops and public swimming pools comply with the provisions of the State and local health code. During fiscal 2005-2006, the Department conducted 30 cosmetology inspections. In addition, 33 cosmetology consultation visits were conducted, 122 inquiries responded to, and eight licenses issued. Inspections and licensing of Darien's nine public swimming pools were conducted throughout the summer season.

Complaints: During fiscal 2005-2006, the Department received 652 public health inquiries and complaints, resulting in a total of 85 follow-up site investigations.

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Nuisance complaints were made regarding: lead concerns from the exterior sanding of older homes, ticks, septic failures, air quality, beaches, garbage, indoor and outdoor air quality, housing, West Nile Virus, rabies, noise, and food service-related matters. The Department also responded to 34 housing-related complaints and issued 11 NOVs. The Health Department makes every effort to respond to complaints in a timely manner. Follow-up investigations are conducted when warranted.

Recreational Areas: The Health Department takes an active role in protecting the shoreline environment via water sampling and site monitoring. During the year, eight shoreline surface water samples were collected and analyzed for fecal coliform bacteria – an indicator of elevated bacterial levels that can impact bathing and shellfishing areas. The Department samples reported discharges that may result from broken sewer lines, failing septic systems or intentional chemical dumping.

Bathing waters at Darien's two public beaches are monitored for bacterial quality on a weekly basis from Memorial Day through Labor Day. State of Connecticut protocol recommends that beaches close in response to rain events of one-inch or more within a 24-hour period. The town's public beaches were closed eight times during the past fiscal year after rainfall events and once for sewage pollution. Sixty-four beach water samples were submitted for analysis. An operational policy and protocol has been drafted and will be incorporated into the daily routine along with the installation of a continuous-read rain gauge. The beach telephone hotline continues to provide information to residents on status of swimming at the public beaches.

Darien shellfishing regulations were updated to include non-resident permits. The annual fee was increased from \$10.00 to \$20.00 with free permits still offered to residents 65 years of age and older. Permits are now laminated and come with a map and copy of local shellfishing regulations. During the

year, 100 permits were sold. The Town recreational "approved" classified area shellfishing hotline is available all year; a policy and protocol are being drafted for the operational openings and closures of the areas along with the installation of a continuous-read rain gauge. There was only one shellfishing closure during the year due to a rainfall event of more than three inches. "Conditionally Approved" classified shellfishing areas in Darien are monitored by the State Bureau of Aquaculture in conjunction with the Health Department. Closures in these areas are dictated by specific amounts of rainfall and spills from pollution sources. These areas are commercially used and not part of the Darien's recreational shellfishing program. Seventeen bonfire permits were issued to area residents during fiscal 2005-2006.

Preventative Health and Health Education: The Health Department continued to protect the residents of Darien by focusing on disease surveillance and prevention. Numerous educational programs and clinics were held throughout the year on ways to prevent chronic disease through early detection and the modification of unhealthy behaviors. A Lyme disease forum – sponsored by Senator Bob Duff and featuring Dr. Kirby Stafford of the Connecticut Agriculture Experiment Station – was held in May 2006. In June, an avian flu pandemic meeting was held with Dr. Michael Parry of Stamford Hospital as the featured speaker. Representatives from the Department of Health, Fire Marshal's Office and American Red Cross were on hand to respond to questions.





During fiscal 2005-2006:

- 474 ticks were submitted for analysis, 54 of which tested positive.
- Lyme disease informational packets were updated and made available to residents.
- 106 dead birds were tested for West Nile Virus; none tested positive. There was one Darien resident with a confirmed case of West Nile Virus. Effective June 2006, the State is trapping and testing mosquitoes in various areas of Connecticut, rather than testing birds.
- 30 animals were sent to the State Laboratory for rabies testing; two tested positive. Forty rabies inquiries were answered. Specimens are accepted only when there is human or pet exposure indicated.

Darien's eight licensed daycare operations are inspected as part of the State re-licensing process. Inspections were conducted at six daycare operations during the past year. The Health Department follows up on disease reports when mandated by the State Department of Public Health. The health director oversaw the treatment of one local case of tuberculosis.

Health Education Awareness Activities

during fiscal 2005-2006 included:

- Twelve blood pressure screenings
- A family hike at Woodland Park to help residents "get active" and increase their awareness of obesity issues.

- Free stress management and low back pain training for Town of Darien employees, courtesy of Dr. Gordon and Safety Solutions.
- Free stroke screening at the Darien Senior Center with the assistance of Post 53 ambulatory services volunteers and two local nurses, Holly Hawes and Mary Lou Siefert.
- Staff participation in a regional stroke awareness panel.

In 2005-2006, the Health Department responded to 114 flu-related inquiries and held four flu clinics in conjunction with Nursing & Home Care of Wilton. Approximately 700 residents were inoculated.

The Department also provided pamphlets to local paint and hardware stores on the "Keep it Clean" campaign, part of an effort to inform the community about the dangers of lead, ways of testing for lead in existing paint, safe removal of lead paint and methods to handle lead exposure. During fiscal 2005-2006, the Department answered 30 inquiries about lead, responded to 15 lead complaints, and conducted six field investigations.

The Health Department received 112 radon inquiries and made 60 radon test kits available to residents. Staff attended a State-sponsored radon training seminar and was provided with radon information packets for residents.

The Department has initiated health education protocols with the Darien school system and the Darien Public Library, which involve the dissemination of public and environmental health information.



The Health Department website is updated monthly with relevant information relating to a variety of topics, including lead exposure, seasonal health issues, and food safety. Various forms and applications are also available. Staff continues to maintain their certifications by attending and participating in several local, state and federal training activities throughout the year. This past year education opportunities covered the following topics: the use of a lead analyzer, asbestos, radon, food defense, facilities plan review, and epidemiological reporting.

Press releases were issued during the year on the following topics: asthma awareness, lead paint hazards when sanding a home exterior, West Nile Virus, radon awareness, avian flu, pandemic Lyme disease, and stroke screening.

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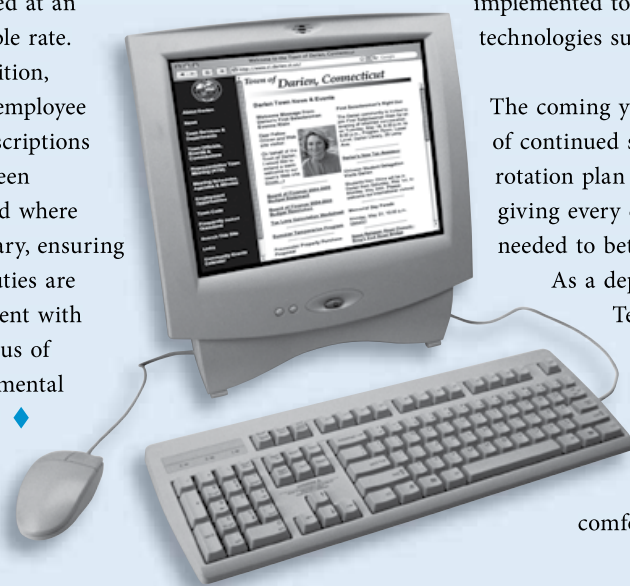
The Darien Health Department will continue to provide a clean and safe environment for residents and visitors by conducting quarterly restaurant inspections, communicable disease follow-ups, septic system plan reviews and inspections, and health education outreach (Lifeline, cholesterol and occult blood screenings). A proposal has been submitted to the Board of Selectmen to expand the Health Department and its services by securing additional funding to increase current staff hours and hire a part-time public health nurse and part-time health educator. ♦

Human Resources

The Human Resources Department is a central resource to Town of Darien departments in the areas of recruiting new employees, training and developing staff members, administering salaries and benefits, and addressing issues relating to discipline and union contracts. The Department's goal is to create an environment for employees to succeed, develop and enhance their careers with equal opportunity for all.

While Darien has a very low rate of turnover among its employees, Human Resources works to ensure that every opening is filled with the most qualified person available. The Department's success is dependent on how employment needs are made known. Human Resources continues to post vacant positions on the Town's website prior to taking out more costly newspaper ads.

Fiscal 2005-2006 activities included the distribution of a comprehensive employee handbook to all employees. Town officials work with an outside insurance broker to ensure proper employee benefits are obtained at an equitable rate. In addition, many employee job descriptions have been updated where necessary, ensuring that duties are consistent with the focus of departmental needs. ♦



INFORMATION Technology

Fiscal 2005-2006 saw managed growth and stability for the Information Technology department. All department systems ran with 99.1% up time, and all were upgraded to their latest versions to offer the most to the users. With the department's proactive strategies, the latest virus and spam threats were averted and the infrastructure remained stable available to all users.

The infrastructure was improved with a number of projects:

- The CityView planning and zoning management system was implemented successfully in 2006.
- The Class system, which provides on-line access to the Parks and Recreation course schedule, was successfully released.
- Year two of the computer replacement plan was implemented with all systems now having a Pentium 4 processor or better.
- All servers were upgraded or replaced to handle the increasing demand from all departments.
- A new backup system now performs backups on an hourly basis.
- A completely new backbone was implemented to prepare for new technologies such as IP telephony.

The coming year promises to be one of continued success. The computer rotation plan continues in full stride, giving every department the tools needed to better serve the public.

As a department, Information Technology hopes to see more interactive Internet sites, giving the public the information they need from the comforts of home. ♦

Darien LIBRARY

The Darien Library's extensive collection of books, magazines, videos, books on tape, DVDs and technology – coupled with extraordinary customer service – once again resulted in heavy use by the Darien community and continued recognition during fiscal 2005-2006.

At year end, the Library maintained a collection of 168,780 books; 7,218 books on tape, CD and downloadable as MP3 files; 12,037 videos and DVDs, and 341 magazine and newspaper subscriptions. Forty-five PCs and ten circulating laptops were available for patron use. During the year, Library circulation was 750,210, and visits to the Library totaled 432,267. Darien Library has led the state both in circulation and visits per capita during the past four years.

Use of technology services showed even faster growth than in past years. Visits to the Library's website (www.darienlibrary.org) – where patrons can access research information and reserve books 24 hours a day, and view the websites of the 63 community organizations that the library hosts – increased by 37.5% to 1,414,277. Within the Library, more than 5,000 individual patrons used the public computers each month, undertaking more than 250,000 research, internet access and desktop software sessions.

Darien Library has consistently been ranked one of the top ten in the country for its size since national ratings began in 1999. The Hennen American Public Library Rating Index ranked Darien Library eighth in the nation and first in Connecticut in a 2006 report covering 2004-2005. Darien Library also has received awards for the exceptional customer service provided by

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its staff, including the Connecticut State Library Award for Excellence in Public Service, and for the quality of the service its website provides to the community.

The staff of the Library is the critical element in the successful partnership between the Library and the Darien community. Library staff members maintain close personal rapport with the approximately 85% of community residents who have library cards, at the same time that statistics show the staff to be the most productive in Connecticut.

The relationship between the Town of Darien and the Library is founded on its unique private-public partnership. The Town funds the Library's operating expenses – including salaries – while the board of trustees of the Library oversees an annual fund drive to buy books, movies, music, computers, magazines, books on CD, information resources and programs. This annual campaign, The Friends of the Library Annual Appeal, raises all the money spent on the contents of the Library. This arrangement allows the Library to anticipate and respond quickly to the needs of its many users.

In 2005-2006, trustees and staff continued to work on planning for construction of a new library building, based on the findings of the Library's long range plan

– completed in 2001 – which envisions a future library that will incorporate the best of new information technologies while preserving and supporting the community's interest in books and reading. During the year, the Library acquired property at the corner of Post Road and Hecker Avenue as a building site, and continued work on a building plan in cooperation with its architects, Peter Gisolfi Associates, in order to realize the expressed needs of community members, which include:

- The desire for expanded library services – more hours, more space, more segmentation to meet the needs of specific population groups, including teens and home-based workers.
- A well designed and spacious library with clearly defined environments that

facilitate different activities – quiet reading and research, group study, technology usage and training, community programs, activities for children and teens.

- Space that emphasizes the library's role as a community center.

The Library expects to begin construction of its new building during 2007 and complete the project in the fall of 2008.

During 2005-2006, while planning for a new library building, Library staff and trustees continued to expand current services:

Children's Programs

- Attendance at all children's programs totaled 19,445.
- Big Truck and Car Day again brought together vehicles and employees from local government departments and local businesses; 577 children and family members attended.
- The sixth Harry Potter book was celebrated by two events: An Evening at Hogwarts was attended by 190 children and parents, and the Midnight



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Launch of the book attracted 410 Harry Potter fans of all ages.

- The Summer Reading Finale with author Elizabeth Levy was attended by 121 family members. The Summer Reading Program saw participation on the part of 773 children, who read 6,073 books.

New Teen Services

- The Library conducted its first Teen Summer Reading Program attracting 122 readers who logged 625 books.
- Staff visited Middlesex School and book-talked new titles to 1,060 students.
- A major goal of the Darien Library is to offer users an opportunity to use the newest technologies, while at the same time providing training for those who would like assistance.
- Open houses in the Darien Technology Foundation Center at the Library highlighted hi-tech gifts for the holiday season, how to use a new digital camera, and blogging.
- 120 technology education classes were held for adults (with an emphasis on more advanced topics), children and teens, with a total attendance of more than 1,000.
- 2,936 one-on-one training and assistance sessions were conducted. Senior citizens in particular appreciate the individual approach, and many are becoming active users of new technologies such as e-mail and word processing.

Library hours year round are Monday through Thursday: 9 am to 9 pm; Friday: 9 am to 6 pm; Saturday: 9 am to 5 pm; and Sunday: 1 pm to 5 pm. The Library's web address is www.darienlibrary.org. ♦

Monuments and CEREMONIES COMMISSION

The Monuments and Ceremonies Commission is responsible for planning the Memorial Day parade and ceremonies, and for conducting patriotic observances for Flag Day, Veterans' Day and a special remembrance on September 11. The Commission also oversees the care of monuments on properties belonging to the Town of Darien.

During fiscal 2005-2006, the Commission was responsible for designing, funding and constructing the impressive Veterans' Memorial Circle at Town Hall. All funds required for the project's stones, bronze plaques, benches, landscaping, sprinkler and lighting systems were raised in the community by the Monuments and Ceremonies Commission. A leather-bound Memorial Book will commemorate the creation of this monument and the ceremony of its dedication on Veterans' Day, 2006.

Two Eagle Scout projects were conducted under the auspices of the Commission: 1) the cleaning of several monuments in town and 2) the compilation of a database of veterans buried in Spring Grove Cemetery, a project that will facilitate the placement of flags on veterans' graves for Memorial Day.

The 2006 Memorial Day parade was better than ever, with more than 40 marching units taking part – and a band in each of the parade's five divisions. Crowds lined the Post Road as the parade proceeded to the Veterans' Cemetery for ceremonies and the laying of wreaths.

The Monuments and Ceremonies display case in the lobby of Town Hall continued to attract increased participation from the town's non-profit organizations. ♦



PARKS and Recreation



The Darien Parks and Recreation Department handles the care, management, maintenance and control of twelve town-owned park facilities consisting of approximately 209 acres. Resources and facilities include active and passive play areas, play fields and courts, nature preserves, and swimming and boating areas. A variety of recreational activities for children and adults are offered throughout the year.

During fiscal 2006, Parks and Recreation continued to use technology to meet increasing demands for service. The department is the first town service agency to offer an on-line service system (the popularity of which continues to grow), as well as accept credit cards as a form of payment. Program activity registrations and the purchase of beach park permits are available to the public 24/7.

Increased participation in all department programs, as well as demands for new and expanded facilities, have driven the direction of the Parks and Recreation Commission with regard to operations and capital development planning. Examples include: an increase in the number of program participants; new and expanded activities; activities geared toward pre-school age children, and large-scale community events in the parks.

Parks and Recreation continues to seek alternative ways to provide and improve facilities. The following public/private cooperative projects were initiated or completed during fiscal 2006: Darien Little League – infield renovations, score/storage building (McGuane Park); Friends of Selleck's Woods – deer habitat study

(Selleck's Woods); Fox Hill Builders, Park Pals – comfort station (Cherry Lawn Park); and Coastal Group – Adirondack chairs (Pear Tree Beach).

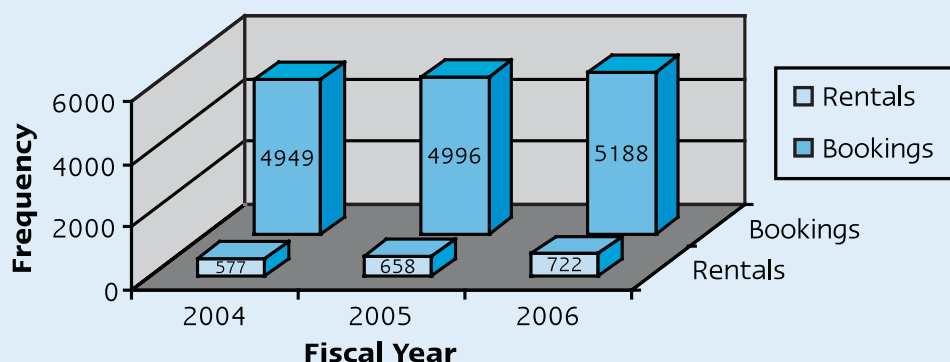
Park facility requests continue to be a source of increasing demand and administration. During the year, Darien High School continued to use park facilities while the new high school was under construction. Board of Education activities took place on Town Hall Fields, Holahan Field, Weed Beach and Cherry Lawn tennis courts. Use of department facilities by the school's softball, baseball, field hockey, and boys' and girls' tennis teams continued to have an impact on scheduling for youth and adult programs.

There has been a trend for increased requests by Darien High School and youth groups that do not generate revenue for facility rentals. This has resulted in increased rentals/bookings, but a decrease in facility revenue. Adult and youth groups have been displaced for several seasons. There also has been a drop off in tennis and paddle tennis court rentals. Overall, however, the number of requests for all types of facilities has grown each year,

though many are denied due to a lack of availability. Athletic leagues now run year round. In addition, permits for large-scale special events – such as charity road races, fundraisers, and community events like the Chamber of Commerce Lobster Bake – continue to rise.

Demand remains high for youth and adult recreation programs such as swimming, tennis, golf and paddle tennis lessons; camps for youth and adults; instructional basketball; indoor soccer; piano and guitar lessons; soccer and baseball camps; school vacation activities; cheerleading camps; and horseback riding lessons through The Ox Ridge Hunt Club. The Parks and Recreation Department and Youth Commission also co-sponsored movies on the beach, one in June and one in September. Adults participated in drop-in volleyball and basketball, tennis and golf lessons, community gardens, and concerts. The department continued to co-sponsor activities such as the Darien Junior Sailing Program, as well as events in cooperation with the Youth Commission. Tennis and paddle tennis courts were scheduled on a seasonal basis to individuals and groups for organized play.

Facility Rentals



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PLANNING and Zoning

In fiscal 2005 and 2006, fees for both boat and beach access were increased by the Parks and Recreation Commission. The fee increase appears to have led to a decline in the number of stickers issued. Fiscal 2007 should shed further light on the relationship between fees and the number of stickers issued. The department worked closely with the Darien Boat Club to monitor the Pear Tree Beach boating area and began issuing small craft stickers to those with moored boats.

The Commission completed work on the Master Plan of Development for Weed Beach Park. A concept plan was submitted and approved in May and June of 2006. This marked the culmination of a year's worth of study, public meetings, and design.

A building committee will be formed in fiscal 2007 to move the plan forward.

Plans for the lighting of the boat ramp area at Pear Tree and planting along Pear Tree Point Road were further studied. Parks and Recreation will continue to work with the neighbors in 2007 to improve this area with native plantings.

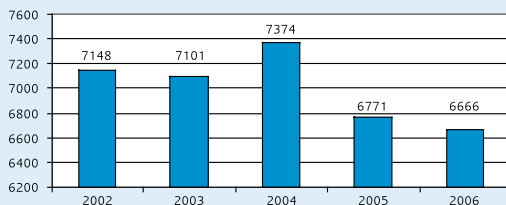
The department website – <http://www.darienct.gov/parkrec> – continues to be a source of public information regarding services, as well as a means to publicize program activities and information. Summer job applications and program registration forms can be downloaded from the site and used to apply or register for activities. ♦

Once again, Darien's four local land use boards – with staff support from the six-person Planning and Zoning Department – had an active year, as significant redevelopment occurred in both residential and non-residential areas of the community.

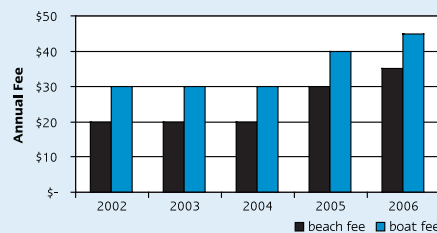
The **Planning and Zoning Commission**, which consists of six elected Darien residents, met 35 times this past fiscal year, and acted on 87 applications and 15 application amendments. Approved projects include: outdoor seating/dining in front of Upper Crust Bagels and Cosi; a rezoning of the Thorndal Circle Office Park; an indoor driving range and putting green at the Darien Golf Center; an addition to Vernal's Service Center; a new Commerce Bank on the former Carvel/Sandoval's Auto Center property; a calendar of special events and activities at the Ox Ridge Hunt Club; outdoor seating at the Sugar Bowl; a new mixed-use building adjacent to the Darien Playhouse (replacing Vantage Travel); a new Subway at Baskin Robbins' former downtown location; and additions and alterations to the Noroton Fire Department building. The Commission also issued three mandatory referral reports for the Arts Center lease, the BMW of Darien lease, and the cell tower lease extension. Approval also was granted for the replacement of Tokeneke School, a new showroom and office building on Tokeneke Road, and additions to the Darien Historical Society.

In June 2006, the Commission met informally on the potential redevelopment of three sites in or near downtown: the existing Howard Johnson's property on Ledge Road; a proposed mixed-use

BEACH/BOAT PERMITS



BEACH/BOAT FEE





development at 1020 Boston Post Road; and potential tenants for the property at 934 Boston Post Road (at the corner of Tokeneke Road). It is anticipated that formal applications will be submitted in the near future to construct several new downtown buildings (with new tenants) in lieu of existing buildings.

The Planning and Zoning Commission continued to spend a great deal of time on the “Town Plan of Conservation and Development.” The plan, which was formally adopted and went into effect on June 25, 2006, is available for review at the Darien Library. It also can be purchased by the general public or reviewed in its entirety at: <http://www.darienct.gov/>. Updated zoning regulations are also posted on the Darien website and available for purchase.

The **Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA)** consists of five regular members and three alternates (all of whom are volunteers)

appointed by the Board of Selectmen. The ZBA met 20 times during the year to review and process 92 applications for variances. Of those, 56 were granted, 22 were denied, 10 were granted in part/denied in part, and four were withdrawn. Former Planning and Zoning Commission member Charles DeLuca was appointed to the ZBA as a regular member. He started serving in September.

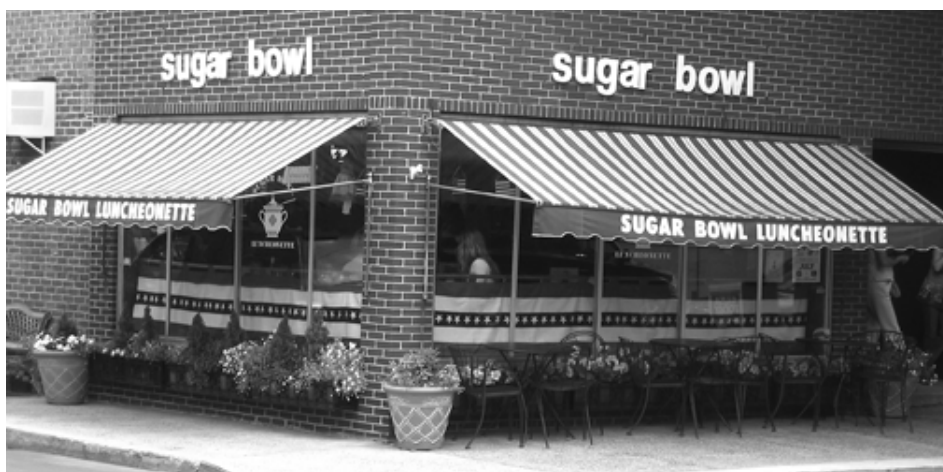
The **Environmental Protection Commission (EPC)** consists of seven volunteer members appointed by the Board of Selectmen. During fiscal 2005-2006, the EPC met 19 times to review proposed activity in wetlands or within regulated areas adjacent to wetlands and watercourses. The Commission processed 98 applications: 93 were granted; three were denied; two were withdrawn; and four application amendments were approved. Approvals included the dredging of ponds on properties on Birch Road, Salisbury Road, and Point O’ Woods Road.

In January, a new Environmental Protection Officer, Richard Jacobson, was hired. Officer Jacobson’s hiring – which enabled the department to run at “full strength” for the first time since June 2005 – has provided town residents with a contact person on inland wetland issues and resulted in a much-needed increase in technical expertise and on-site inspections. In October, the Board of Selectmen appointed a new EPC member, Craig Flaherty, to replace long-time Commission member Nina Miller.

The Environmental Protection Commission adopted a new Town Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Map, effective April 2006. Updating of the map continues annually, as new and more accurate information is presented and accepted by the Commission.

In fiscal 2005-2006, the seven-member **Architectural Review Board (ARB)**, which is appointed by the Board of Selectman, met 11 times and approved 39 applications, including proposals for new commercial buildings, awnings, signs, and facades.

A total of 621 zoning permits were approved during the fiscal year. Of those, 47 permits were issued for new single-family residences, and 31 for swimming pools. (Most of the new residences are considered “teardowns” – replacement of an existing house with a larger house.) Considerable staff time and effort went into reviewing all plans to ensure compliance with local zoning regulations.





The Planning & Zoning Department continues to perform Geographic Information System (GIS) contract work for various town departments on an as-needed basis. Several projects were completed during the year, including: sales maps for the Assessor; revised assessor maps for the Assessor and Planning and Zoning Department; labels to assist the Selectmen's Office in a mailing regarding the shoveling of sidewalks; mapping for a submitted SWRPA grant proposal; salt route mapping for the Public Works Department; and mapping for the Fire Marshal relative to analyzing the possibility of fireworks at the high school.

Throughout the fiscal year, the enforcement officer and code compliance

officer followed up on a variety of zoning enforcement issues, including: wetlands violations; sign violations; illegal commercial activity within a residential zone; unregistered vehicles; boat storage; and violations of specific Planning and Zoning Commission approvals.

After a total of nine days of training, on March 19 the Planning and Zoning Department, Building Department and several other departments in Town Hall went "live" with the new CityView software – a system that will result in greater efficiencies. Phase II of the CityView implementation process will occur in fiscal 2006-2007. ♦

Police Department

The Darien Police Department, under the oversight and control of a three-member civilian Police Commission, has an authorized strength of 51 sworn officers, six full-time and one part-time civilian employees, eight school crossing guards, and 20 traffic agents. The Department maintains a fleet of 18 vehicles, a motorcycle, a speed monitoring trailer, a 26-foot patrol boat, and an emergency response vehicle that carries all SCUBA and Emergency Response Team (ERT) equipment, while also serving as a mobile command post. The Department also has a well equipped SCUBA team and an ERT, which has partnered with other area town police departments to form the Southwest Regional Emergency Response Team.

During fiscal 2005-2006, the Department logged 21,622 incidents, including 23 burglaries, six attempted burglaries, 142 larcenies, five assaults, and 63 incidents of vandalism. There were 260 criminal arrests, and the Department investigated a total of 97 domestic and domestic violence incidents. Thirty-five arrests were made for domestic violence offenses.

As part of its continuing commitment to reducing motor vehicle accidents and making Darien's roads safer, during the year the Patrol Division issued 2,444 motor vehicle infractions, 261 misdemeanor summons, and 1,057 written warnings for various violations. Motor vehicle accidents numbered 600, a decrease from the previous year's total. Defibrillator-equipped patrol vehicles responded to 1,167 medical calls, a notable increase over the prior year. Officers responded to 1,996 burglar alarm activations, the vast majority of which were false alarms attributable to weather-related

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conditions, alarm system deficiencies, and a lack of familiarity with the alarm system by home/business owners.

The Darien Police Department continued its aggressive campaign to combat the hazards of drunk driving. This vigorous enforcement initiative resulted in the arrest of 92 offenders.

The Marine Unit logged 888 patrol hours. A total of nine boating infractions and 20 written warnings were issued. As in the past, the Marine Unit targeted its patrol activity to coincide with peak boating traffic hours. It has provided a police presence at several regattas and other marine events, and has conducted joint enforcement exercises with the U.S. Coast Guard and Department of Environmental Protection. The Unit also was responsible for apprehending an offender wanted by the Stamford Police Department for attempted murder and related criminal charges.

During fiscal 2005-2006, the Department placed into service a new Harley Davidson police motorcycle operated by an officer who completed a rigorous training program. The motorcycle will be in service year round and have as its principal mission the enforcement of motor vehicle violations – another demonstration of the Department's commitment to public safety.

The Darien Police Department is in the process of acquiring a new 26-foot boat for the Marine Unit in order to protect officers from inclement weather and provide them with a safer and more comfortable environment. Equally important, the new boat – which will be procured entirely through private donations – will allow for the emergency deployment of the Marine Unit regardless of the time of year or climatic conditions.

A state-of-the-art fingerprinting system – “Live Scan” – has been performing

very successfully for several months. The system records an individual's fingerprint characteristics by scanning them into a computerized database, thus making the traditional inked fingerprint card obsolete. The scanned fingerprint data is immediately transmitted to the State Bureau of Identification and FBI via a high speed transmission line. If an individual has been fingerprinted in the past, officers will be apprised of the individual's identity, if he or she has a criminal record, and if he or she is a wanted fugitive – all in a matter of minutes.

The Police Department's communications area, which handles all police, fire and EMS calls (including all 911 calls), also was upgraded during the year. New flat screen monitors and a state-of-the-art mapping system were installed. The acquisition of this equipment and software improves dispatching efficiency and substantially improves the quality of the Department's internal camera and video system.

A space needs assessment associated with the proposed modernization of the existing police facility is under review. During fiscal 2005-2006, six new officers were hired to replace retiring officers. Goals for the new fiscal year include the continuation of positive police/youth relations and communications, the strategic planning and analysis of traffic-related issues, and a proactive motor vehicle enforcement campaign designed to make Darien's streets safer. ♦



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Public WORKS

Darien's Department of Public Works (DPW) is responsible for constructing and maintaining most of the town's infrastructure of buildings, streets, bridges, storm and sanitary sewers; the refuse disposal area (RDA); recycling programs; two railroad stations; and municipal parking lots. Thirty full-time employees work to keep municipal facilities and services functioning at a high level. The DPW is organized into six major areas of responsibility: Public Works Management & Engineering, Highway Maintenance, Solid Waste Disposal and Recycling, Public Building Management, Parking Facilities and Railroad & Maintenance, and Sewer Collection System Maintenance.

Public Works Management & Engineering manages all DPW functions, prepares contracts, hires consultants and contractors, reports to the first selectwoman on a regular basis, prepares engineering documents, performs engineering reviews and carries out special projects, as required. Non-routine projects undertaken during fiscal 2005-2006 included:

- Design of a sewer force main upgrade for the Stony Brook Pump Station.

- Processing of 1205 work requests (a 30% increase over the previous year).
- Projection of costs and a continuation of dialogue between Stamford and Darien re: the Stamford Treatment Plant Upgrade.
- Management of town and private sewer projects including: Brushy Hill Road, Andrews Drive, Five Mile River Road, Saint Nicholas Road, and a private sewer on Hanson Road.
- Construction of drainage system improvements from Holly Lane to Middlesex Road to alleviate flooding on Holly Lane.
- Sampling and reporting associated with DEP's Phase II stormwater permit requirements; continuation of training associated with maintaining the drainage system and meeting reporting requirements; continuation of update to plan.
- Implementation of a 100% salt application program for snow and ice removal, thus eliminating the use of sand – a measure that will result in a cleaner town and a significant reduction of silt in ponds and catch basins.
- Initiation of design and bidding documents to alleviate flooding on Heights Road during intense rainfall.



Highway Maintenance is responsible for maintaining 81 miles of streets and 30 bridges in Darien. Departmental programs include:

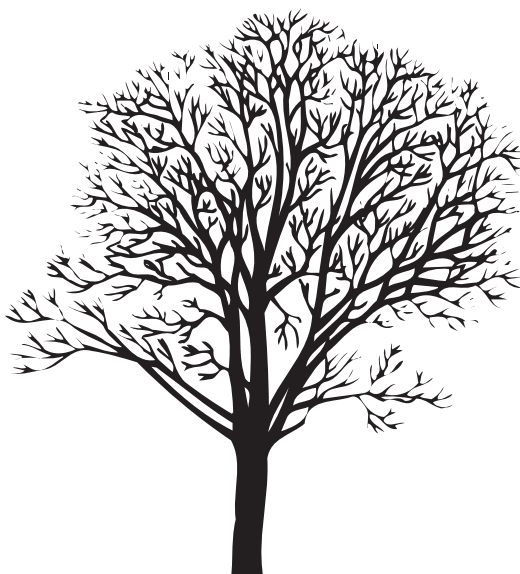
- **Christmas Tree Pickup:** Darien is divided into five sections for the pick-up of Christmas trees. When trees in all five sections have been collected once, the collection begins again giving residents a second chance to dispose of their trees. Residents with a valid RDA sticker are also allowed to bring Christmas trees to the RDA.
- **Street Sweeping:** Following even a mild winter Darien's streets and catch basins are usually laden with sand. This past spring, sand accumulations were virtually non-existent due to the elimination of sand for ice control purposes. As a result, spring sweeping was completed by mid April, weeks ahead of past years. Street sweeping continues throughout the year.
- **Spring Cleanup:** More than 154 tons of discarded household items were collected during fiscal 2005-2006, a bit less than the 15-year average of 162 tons. The cleanup program enables residents who do not have access to a pickup truck (or are otherwise limited) to dispose of large items at the curb once a year.
- **Household Hazardous Waste Day:** The first Saturday in June is Household Hazardous Waste Day in Darien. In conjunction with the South Western Connecticut Regional Recycling Operating Committee, a licensed contractor is hired to safely dispose of household hazardous waste collected at the event. The Darien Environmental Group provides assistance to the DPW by generating and mailing flyers



- to advertise the event. A total of 405 vehicles (contributing an equivalent of 641 households of waste) participated in the program in 2006.
- **Paving Program:** Each summer, the DPW resurfaces about three miles of town roads. During fiscal 2005-2006, resurfacing was completed on West Avenue (Leroy to Post Rd), Knollwood Lane, Miller Road, Edmund Street, Middlesex Road (Ox Ridge road to Mansfield Avenue), Hickory Lane, Laurel Lane, and Old Farm Road (Tokeneke School to Tokeneke Trail.)
 - **Leaf Pickup Program:** Starting in late October and continuing through early December, Public Works crews collected a total of 211 tons of leaves. In addition, contractors working for Darien residents delivered 2,249.2 tons of leaves to the dump – all of which were composted on site. Another 2,310.6 tons of leaves were removed from the site for composting. For every seven tons of leaves delivered, approximately one ton of compost is produced for sale to commercial entities. Residents who need small quantities of compost may pick it up, free of charge, at the RDA.
 - **Street Sign Upgrade:** As a result of changes in national street sign standards and complaints about night visibility, the DPW initiated a multi-year program to replace “old style” signs with signs that are larger, clearer and more reflective. In addition, the number of cross street signs is being doubled.
 - **Gorham’s Pond Tide Gates:** The goal of the Friends of Gorham’s Pond is to prevent or prolong Gorham’s Pond from becoming a marsh or requiring dredging. Area residents have noted depressed water levels during low tide. Although

the Town repaired the tide gates, the dam continued to leak, a situation that led to the hiring of divers to determine the cause of the leak. The Town then hired a consultant to prepare plans to repair the dam structure and install new tide gates. The project was advertised for bid during the summer of 2006. Unfortunately, only one bid was submitted and it exceeded budget by 40%. Additional funds will be sought and the project re-bid.

- **Tree Removal and Maintenance:** Tree work is by far the most common service requested of the DPW. Once a tree is found to be on Town property, the tree warden, a licensed arborist who works as a contractor for the DPW, determines whether the tree should be removed, pruned or left as is. Tree requests and tree safety concerns continue to fully utilize appropriated funds. Unfortunately, utility company tree work has been reduced due to budget constraints. As a result, the Town has incurred additional expense to remove dangerous trees high above power wires – a situation that has caused other trees of concern to be given a lower priority.



- **Tree Replacement Program:** Residents who lose a town tree in front of their property can request a replacement. The tree warden and the DPW evaluate the request based upon the location of the tree removed, interruption of the tree canopy in the area, available space for the replacement tree and other factors. The budget for this program, although modest, is rarely fully utilized. Approximately 12 trees are replaced under this program each year.
- **Drainage System Maintenance:** The Town of Darien has an extensive storm water drainage system connected to private drainage systems, Connecticut Department of Transportation drainage systems and watercourses. The DPW utilizes a combination vacuum – water jet truck to suck sand, organic matter and other debris from catch basins and to flush out storm drain pipes.

Solid Waste Disposal and Recycling:

Refuse disposal and recycling account for about 40% of the Public Works budget. The DPW operates the RDA (commonly known as “the dump”). A private company under contract with Connecticut Resources Recovery Authority operates the transfer station. All other facets of the facility – including the composting site, the residential recycling drop-off center and the bulk recycling transfer area – are DPW responsibilities. Each year, Public Works issues nearly 7,000 residential permits. Monthly invoices are sent to 16 refuse companies and 150 commercial permittees. Annual revenue exceeds \$1,000,000. During fiscal 2005-2006, 13,717 tons of refuse were delivered to the town transfer station and trucked to the Bridgeport waste-to-energy facility for processing.



Residents and commercial garbage collectors deliver recyclables to the recycling center where they are collected in roll off containers and hauled to the Intermediate Processing Center in Stratford for additional sorting, packaging and eventual sale. Recyclables handled at the RDA include waste motor oil, wood chips, leaves, logs, brush, construction and demolition debris, mixed paper, newspaper, cardboard, glass and plastic food containers, scrap metals, automobile lead acid type batteries, and air conditioners, humidifiers and freezers.

Public Building Management: The DPW is the building manager for Town Hall, the Senior Center and Town Garage (which serves as the maintenance building for the DPW, Parking Division, Sewer Services, Solid Waste, the Board of Education and Parks and Recreation Department). At Town Hall, three full-time custodians are responsible for the care of grounds, heating and air conditioning systems, and all other mechanical functions associated with ensuring the clean, safe and comfortable use of the buildings.

Parking Facilities and Railroad & Maintenance: The DPW maintains and polices approximately 1,681 parking spaces in 13 lots and parking areas in the downtown area and at Darien's two train stations. Each lot is monitored on a daily basis for overtime parking and permit violations. A parking agent covers the downtown areas on foot to further ensure the effective enforcement of parking regulations.

Sewer Collection System

Maintenance: Emphasis continued on reducing failures at pump stations and sewer system blockages that result in overflows. The sewer superintendent continues to proactively identify and eliminate potential blockages or other problems through ongoing improvements or prophylactic efforts, including:

- Initiation of the design of an upgraded force main to alleviate high flows during rain events and prevent overflows at the Stony Brook pump station, the system's second largest station.
- Continuation of an ongoing program to control roots suspected of causing sewer blockages and damage to real property.
- Continuation of a grease control program to minimize the coagulation of grease in sewer pipes, a problem that can reduce capacity and cause local and "downstream" blockages.
- Continuation of a program, in concert with the Darien Health Department, to control grease at the source – particularly at restaurants.
- Completion of a low pressure and gravity sewer project including Brushy Hill Road, Andrews Drive, Saint Nicholas Road, and Five Mile River Road.
- Continuation of the monitoring and administration of all funding and costs relative to the City of Stamford Wastewater Treatment Facility upgrade; initiation of an independent financial audit of construction costs.
- Initiation of formal training of all sewer services personnel (and others interested in cross training), in anticipation of operator certification testing in 2007. ♦

REGISTRARS of Voters

The Registrars of Voters prepare, conduct and give an accounting of all local elections. All voter enrollment lists are computerized, giving Darien the most accurate and current voter information available. The two registrars enroll voters, maintain statistics, supervise all elections and primaries, program the voting machines for each election, conduct the annual canvass of voters, and appoint the moderators and all election officials for Darien's six polling places. ♦

Darien Voter Profile (As of August 1, 2006)

REPUBLICANS	6,295	52.8%
DEMOCRATS	1,954	16.4%
UNAFFILIATED	3,672	30.8%
TOTAL	11,932	



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SOCIAL Services

During fiscal 2005-2006, the Darien Social Services Department served as an advocate for more than 850 residents in need of a visitor to drop in and chat, a short-term loan of convalescent equipment, information about housing, financial aid for home heating oil, and/or assistance with camp. In addition, Social Services reached out to the community by providing a town-wide seminar on Medicare Part D, participating on the Domestic Violence Task Force, publishing two seniors' newsletters, and initiating an information session with CL&P for Senior Housing residents.

As part of its involvement on the Town Emergency Management Committee, the Department began keeping a list of individuals with special needs who would like to be contacted in the case of a town emergency. During the power failure this past summer, 35 residents were called to make sure they were not in need of assistance. Also out of concern for people with special needs, Social Services' Friendly Visitor Coordinator provided emergency kits to all Senior Housing residents to help prepare them for emergency power outages.

During the fall and winter, Social Services provided back-to-school backpacks and school supplies to families, as well as toys and gift cards at Christmas. Thanks to the generosity of the Darien movie theater, the Department continued to partner with the Depot and Youth Commission to have a special showing of a new film, with the price of admission being a new toy or hats and gloves. Once gain, this event brought the entire Darien community together during the holiday season. During the winter months, the Department also processed more than 60 fuel assistance

applications for families and individuals having difficulty paying heating bills.

The Darien Social Services Department has a wealth of information about other service providers and resources. Residents are encouraged to call, e-mail, or visit the Social Services office if they have questions or need assistance in applying for various programs. In addition, a Senior Resource Directory is available at the Town Hall or via e-mail. Home visits are also available for the homebound. ♦



TOWN Clerk

The Town Clerk is responsible for keeping and preserving records and documents. Land records dating from 1820 to the present are microfilmed and stored in a fireproof vault in the Town Clerk's office.

During the past year, the number of recordings leveled off from a total of 6,657 deeds in fiscal 2004-2005 to 6,533 in fiscal 2005-2006. The Town Clerk's Cott Indexing System, which was installed in October 2003, continues to be a most useful tool. The public search terminal enables the user to easily search the land records for documents dating from June 1983 to the present.

As part of an initiative to install older information into the Clerk's system, Darien was awarded a second \$7,000 Historic Preservation Grant in July 2005, with which the Clerk's Office was able to continue the four-phase process of re-indexing data from January 1969 to June 1983. Phase II of the data installation process was completed June 30, 2006. Completion of the entire project is scheduled for June 2008.

During the fall of 2005, the Town Clerk, in conjunction with the Registrars of Voters, prepared for and oversaw a Republican primary and municipal election, held September 13 and November 8, respectively. As always, the Town Clerk's Office was responsible for the creation of the ballot, both machine and absentee components with necessary supplies, and the issuance and processing of all absentee ballots.

Other functions of the Clerk's Office include the issuance of a variety of sport

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YOUTH Commission

licenses, including hunting, fishing and trapping licenses, as well as dog licenses. The State of Connecticut requires that all dogs in Connecticut, six months and older, be licensed yearly, in June. To aid in that process, the Town Clerk sends out reminders in late May to owners of presently licensed dogs. Working with the Police Department's Animal Control Officer, more and more dogs are being licensed.

As Registrars of Vital Records, the Town Clerk issues and maintains birth, marriage and death certificates. Due to new State legislation, effective October 1, 2005, the Clerk's office began issuing licenses to same sex couples planning "civil unions."

In its role as clerk of the Representative Town Meeting (RTM), Darien's legislative body, the Town Clerk's Office is responsible for disseminating information to district and committee members as necessary. The Clerk also is responsible for maintaining meeting notices and minutes of the RTM and Darien's various boards and commissions. ♦



The Darien Youth Commission continues to provide services to countless youth and families in Darien. Through the various programs it sponsors and co-sponsors, the Youth Commission has a presence in many people's lives.

The Darien Youth Commission is comprised of seven adults appointed by the Board of Selectmen, a full-time Youth Director, and a Youth Advisory Committee comprised of between eight and 16 high school aged students (at least two from each grade with no more than four per grade). The Youth Commission also relies heavily on the more than 500 adults and young people who volunteer to ensure the successful implementation of many of its programs. In addition, many Commission programs are the result of the collaboration of outside agencies and organizations (such as the Community Fund of Darien, Darien Parks and Recreation, the Kiwanis Club, the Depot, the Darien Arts Center and the Board of Education).

On-going services include "What's Up for Kids," a monthly calendar that features special events and activities being held for Darien youth. The Youth Commission coordinates all the information that is provided by local agencies and organizations and forwards it in calendar form to the local newspapers. The Commissions also posts the information through the Darien Library Community Calendar website and through www.kidsevents.com. Hard copies of the calendar are available at a variety of locations.

The Youth Commission supports numerous leadership training opportunities. During the Summer Camp program,

the Commission sponsors a Counselor in Training (CIT) program for students entering grade 10. This hands-on training opportunity helps groom qualified counselor candidates for upcoming years. (And the position even pays a stipend, unlike other CIT programs in the area!) Drug prevention programs, co-sponsorship of the Darien High School student handbook (which contains vital academic information and critical hot-line numbers) and the JOBS office are other areas where the Youth Commission's sponsorship and/or involvement help Darien youth. The volunteerism exhibited by the students serving on the Youth Commission is another example of peer-leadership training.

Examples of cooperative activities include: the Youth Arts Expo (an afternoon of free hands-on arts and entertainment for young people), which is made possible by the generosity of local agencies, organizations and merchants who donate their time and supplies; the Halloween Window Painting Contest, a partnership between the Youth Commission, the Community Fund of Darien, local merchants (both Chamber members and non-Chamber members) and the Darien Arts Center; the Annual Tilley Pond Model Boat Regatta, which is made possible through the kindness and generosity of Parks and Recreation,





merchants, the Kiwanis Club of Darien, and others who donate time, goods and funds; and the Community-Wide movie benefiting the Social Services Department's "Holiday Gift Drive" – the result of the combined efforts of the Selectmen's Office, the Depot, the Darien Social Services Department, the Darien Playhouse, the Youth Commission and the public. Citizens are invited to attend a newly released film at the theater in exchange for a new toy, game or gift that is used by Social Services to enhance their clients' holiday gift giving.

One of the more popular programs the Youth Commission hosts is TOPS (Teen Options), which offers ongoing programs for 7th and 8th graders and a separate programming schedule for 6th graders. These events (which range from ice skating parties to fair nights and holiday dances) offer young people an opportunity to socialize in a fun, safe and supervised environment.

The summer doesn't slow down for the Youth Commission – or the population it services. The summer camp program, which offers two three-week sessions, is



broken down according to grade, and in recent years has enrolled approximately 350 students annually. Promoted as a "total day-camp experience," Darien's summer camp program includes small group and large group activities, arts and crafts, athletics (of a non-instructional basis), on site activities, entertainment and a host of field trips. The camp program is available for students entering grades 1-6, daily from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. (with an early drop-off option for a nominal fee starting as early as 8:00 a.m. daily). For students entering grades 7-9, the Middle School Summer Activity Program runs a six-week (four- day-a-week) schedule. Out of town trips include Splashdown Water Amusement Park, tubing on the Farmington River, Playland, and a trip on the ferry to Port Jefferson. Local activities include movies, bowling, the Depot, Weed Beach and Cherry Lawn Park.

The younger population and their families continue to enjoy weekly "Family Concerts" at Weed Beach during June. Blankets, beach chairs, picnics and a host of children dancing in the sand complete this happy picture! Another great family activity co-sponsored with the Parks and Recreation Department is the bi-annual "Movie on the Beach," which takes place in early and late summer. Beach chairs and blankets are a must, as is the big-screen feature film, pop corn and a star-filled evening.

During school vacations in February, March and/or April, youngsters enjoy the

mini-vacation activity programs which the Youth Commission and Parks and Recreation co-sponsor. Kids can choose from a morning sports program, an afternoon "camp" program, or a full-day option. The Newington Children's Theater, a popular traveling children's theater group (entertainment for children/by children) has become a favorite for family members of all ages.

Co-sponsoring events at the Depot is a very important way to keep connected to the high school-aged population, while enabling the teen center to afford programs that otherwise might be beyond its budget. A strong partnership exists between the two organizations, with the Depot Student Governing Board playing an active role in the success of many of the Youth Commission's community-wide events. Whether it is as a sponsor of the Annual Push'n'Pull Fourth of July Parade or including them as a participant in the annual Youth Arts Expo, the years of working together continue to benefit the youth in Darien.

Members of the Youth Commission – old and young, paid and volunteer – are very closely tied to many other organizations and agencies whose commitment to developing healthy youth in a healthy community continues to be a top priority in Darien. By collaborating with other agencies on such committees as the Community Fund of Darien's Human Services Planning Council and the YWCA's Parent Awareness Committee, the Youth Commission is able to network the ever-changing needs of and programming ideas for Darien's youth population. ♦

AUDITOR'S Letter



Scully & Wolf, LLP / Certified Public Accountants / Glastonbury, Connecticut 06033

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

Board of Finance
Town of Darien
Darien, Connecticut

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Darien, Connecticut, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2006, which collectively comprise the Town's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Town's management. Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and the significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinions.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Darien, as of June 30, 2006, and the respective changes in financial position and cash flows, where applicable, thereof for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated September 22, 2006 on our consideration of the Town's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and should be considered in assessing the results of our audit.

Management's discussion and analysis and budgetary comparison information on pages 11 through 18 and 49 through 55 are not a required part of the basic financial statements but are supplementary information required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the required supplementary information. However, we did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Town's basic financial statements. The combining and individual nonmajor fund financial statements and schedules, and statistical tables are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. The combining and individual nonmajor fund financial statements and schedules have been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, are fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole. The statistical tables have not been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on them.

September 22, 2006

FINANCIAL DATA

Town of Darien, Connecticut - General Fund

Schedule of Revenues and Other Financing Sources

Budget and Actual (Non-GAAP Budgetary Basis) - For the Year Ended June 30, 2006

	BUDGETED AMOUNTS			VARIANCE
	ORIGINAL	FINAL	ACTUAL	FAVORABLE (UNFAVORABLE)
Property taxes:				
Property taxes current	\$81,136,931	\$81,136,931	\$81,812,309	\$ 675,378
Property taxes prior	320,000	320,000	246,780	(73,220)
Suspense tax collections	1,000	1,000	4,511	3,511
Telecommunication property tax	190,775	190,775	131,544	(59,231)
Interest and liens	250,000	250,000	240,176	(9,824)
Total property taxes	81,898,706	81,898,706	82,435,320	536,614
Licenses and permits:				
Town Clerk	1,200,000	1,200,000	2,036,586	836,586
Building, plumbing and other	869,400	869,400	1,511,779	642,379
Food establishment	37,000	37,000	41,603	4,603
Private disposal and water supply	32,600	32,600	45,360	12,760
Fire Marshal's revenue	4,000	4,000	3,256	(744)
Other	3,300	3,300	16,331	13,031
Total licenses and permits	2,146,300	2,146,300	3,654,915	1,508,615
Intergovernmental:				
Capital improvement grant	108,606	108,606	110,955	2,349
Housing Authority	60,000	60,000	74,941	14,941
Taxes on State-owned land	75,149	75,149	90,397	15,248
Pegot distribution	15,369	15,369	14,394	(975)
Disabled persons	425	425	104	(321)
Circuit breaker	70,000	70,000	73,856	3,856
Elderly tax relief	14,000	14,000	14,000	
Veterans' exemption	3,000	3,000	7,714	7,714
Court fines	18,700	18,700	4,352	1,352
Boating safety enforcement	110,729	110,729	18,715	15
Infrastructure - Town aid	300,780	300,780	154,581	43,852
State school reimbursement	1,018,602	1,018,602	301,154	374
Education Cost Sharing Grant	808	808	1,108,345	89,743
Transportation	14,000	14,000	775	(33)
Other			782	(13,218)
Total intergovernmental	1,810,168	1,810,168	1,975,065	164,897

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Town of Darien, Connecticut – General Fund

Schedule of Revenues and Other Financing Sources

Budget and Actual (Non-GAAP Budgetary Basis) – For the Year Ended June 30, 2006

 BUDGETED AMOUNTS.....		VARIANCE FAVORABLE (UNFAVORABLE)	
	ORIGINAL	FINAL	ACTUAL	
Charges for services:				
Sale of codes, regulations, etc.....	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,000	\$ 2,411	\$ (3,589)
GIS fees.....	1,000	1,000	75	(925)
Planning and zoning application.....	14,520	14,520	22,622	8,102
ZBA application fees.....	12,150	12,150	20,174	8,024
EPC application fees.....	25,000	25,000	31,825	6,825
Other planning fees.....	500	500	6,508	6,508
EMS services.....	40,000	40,000	40,000	(500)
Services for Sewer Commission Authority.....	68,039	68,039	68,039	
Services for Parking Fund.....	116,150	116,150	137,385	21,235
Parking meters and permits.....	176,000	176,000	185,846	9,846
Youth Commission fees.....	83,815	83,815	111,588	27,773
Parks and recreation.....	188,325	188,325	195,690	7,365
Beach parking permits.....	7,600	7,600	8,495	895
Boat launch fees.....	10,000	10,000	17,550	7,550
Other.....	749,099	749,099	848,208	99,109
Total charges for services.....	15,700	15,700	19,181	3,481
Fines and forfeits.....	73,200	177,808	177,808	
Board of Education.....	350,000	350,000	1,284,672	934,672
Investment income.....	80,000	80,000	88,915	8,915
Miscellaneous:	100	100	100	(100)
Metro mobile rent.....	13,000	13,000	12,143	(857)
Rebate on telephone.....	25,567	31,665	31,665	
Coin operated xerox machine.....	22,200	22,200	22,200	
Commission on Aging - van.....	20,000	20,000	84,667	64,667
Other rents.....	20,000	20,000	117,612	97,612
Insurance recoveries.....	180,867	186,965	357,962	170,997
Other.....	87,224,040	87,334,746	90,753,131	3,418,385
Total miscellaneous.....	276,454	\$ 276,454	\$ 276,454	
Total revenues.....	53,807	53,807	53,807	
Other financing sources:	200,000	200,000	78,351	\$ (121,649)
Transfers in:				
Sewer Assessment Fund.....	530,261	530,261	408,612	(121,649)
Sewer Operating Fund.....	400,000	763,979		(763,979)
Police Private Duty.....	930,261	1,294,240	408,612	(885,628)
Total transfers in.....	\$88,154,301	\$88,628,986	91,161,743	\$2,532,757
Appropriation of fund balance.....				
Total other financing sources.....				
Total revenues and other financing sources.....				
Budgetary revenues are different than GAAP revenues because:				
State of Connecticut "on-behalf" contributions to the Connecticut State Teachers' Retirement System				
for Town teachers are not budgeted.....			3,562,351	
Under liquidation of prior year encumbrances is recorded as miscellaneous revenue for budgetary				
reporting. This amount is excluded for financial reporting purposes.....				
The Board of Education does not budget for certain intergovernmental grants which are credited				
against expenditures for budgetary reporting. These amounts are recorded as revenues and				
expenditures for financial reporting purposes.....			1,512,027	
Issuance of refunding bonds is not budgeted.....			30,215,000	
Total revenues and other financing sources as reported on the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures,			\$126,415,094	(Concluded)
and Changes in Fund Balances - Governmental Funds - Exhibit IV.....				

Town of Darien, Connecticut – General Fund

Schedule of Expenditures and Other Financing Uses
Budget and Actual (Non-GAAP Budgetary Basis) – For the Year Ended June 30, 2006

.....BUDGETED AMOUNTS.....	ORIGINAL	FINAL	ACTUAL	VARIANCE FAVORABLE (UNFAVORABLE)
General government:				
Selectmen's office.....	\$ 157,722	\$ 163,234	\$ 156,888	\$ 6,346
Administrative Officer.....	327,361	346,160	338,277	7,883
Human Resources.....	98,412	102,166	102,164	2
RTM.....	1,880	2,114	2,112	2
Financial management.....	333,081	348,007	335,704	12,303
Board of Finance.....	30,250	30,250	27,500	2,750
Tax Assessor.....	228,072	233,012	230,696	2,316
Tax Collector.....	202,492	215,644	213,128	2,516
Legal services.....	343,460	606,175	604,585	1,590
Town Clerk.....	232,414	237,350	231,648	5,702
Registrar of Voters.....	85,691	102,824	97,278	5,546
Information services.....	244,491	244,491	189,576	54,915
Probate court.....	11,300	11,300	9,462	1,838
Total general government.....	2,296,626	2,642,727	2,539,018	103,709
Community environment:				
Development Planning.....	388,186	387,258	371,586	15,672
Planning and Zoning.....	11,625	12,271	12,241	30
Zoning Appeals.....	4,190	4,415	4,160	255
Environmental Protection.....	4,937	6,494	6,389	105
Regional Planning.....	6,003	6,003	6,003	
Beautification.....	32,000	32,000	30,597	1,403
Celebrations and observances.....	12,000	12,000	8,912	3,088
Harbor Master.....	375	375	374	1
Revitalize Downtown Darien.....		14,250	14,250	
Total community environment.....	459,316	475,066	454,512	20,554
Public safety:				
Building Department.....	266,445	286,783	286,386	397
Police Department:				
Administration.....	424,834	441,472	433,792	7,680
Criminal Investigation.....	453,570	405,554	394,858	10,696
Patrol.....	3,006,668	2,963,690	2,936,229	27,461
Records.....	242,955	244,427	239,521	4,906
Youth.....	76,815	79,072	78,116	956
Marine Patrol.....	10,090	10,490	10,399	91
Training.....	114,956	142,511	140,489	2,022
Traffic and School Crossing.....	93,700	96,007	94,436	1,571
Fleet Services.....	122,168	140,567	137,552	3,015
Station maintenance and communication.....	162,453	176,722	170,198	6,524
Miscellaneous.....	1,800	1,800	934	866
Total Police Department.....	4,710,009	4,702,312	4,636,524	65,788

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Town of Darien, Connecticut – General Fund

Schedule of Expenditures and Other Financing Uses
Budget and Actual (Non-GAAP Budgetary Basis) – For the Year Ended June 30, 2006

BUDGETED AMOUNTS.....				VARIANCE FAVORABLE (UNFAVORABLE)
	ORIGINAL	FINAL	ACTUAL		
Public safety (continued):					
Fire service and emergency medical service:					
Darien Fire Department.....	\$ 107,274	\$ 118,957	\$ 117,792	\$ 1,165	
Noroton Fire Department.....	119,735	136,320	136,092	228	
Noroton Heights Fire Department.....	99,928	103,621	102,201	1,420	
Board of Fire Commissioners.....	54,910	54,910	52,046	2,864	
Fire Marshal.....	241,367	241,367	225,536	15,831	
Hydrants and main rental.....	275,000	275,000	272,020	2,980	
Disaster Preparedness.....	2,000	2,071	2,063	8	
Emergency medical service.....	88,980	88,980	73,070	15,910	
Total fire service and emergency medical service	989,194	1,021,226	980,840	40,386	
Total public safety.....	5,965,648	6,010,321	5,903,750	106,571	
Public works:					
Administration.....	261,036	270,013	269,929	84	
Roadway and walkway maintenance.....	1,446,149	1,446,938	1,435,208	11,730	
Public building management.....	312,005	322,752	317,598	5,154	
Parking facility.....	47,219	44,917	44,026	891	
Total public works	2,066,409	2,084,620	2,066,761	17,859	
Health and social services:					
Social services.....	177,571	184,066	183,318	748	
Social service – outside assistance.....	15,500	15,200	11,184	4,016	
Senior Center.....	182,146	195,414	194,399	1,015	
Senior transportation.....	25,567	31,665	31,664	1	
Youth programs.....	263,586	266,153	238,589	27,564	
Youth services grants.....	84,875	84,875	84,875		
Other outreach services.....	5,700	5,700	5,700		
Health Department.....	195,198	197,578	192,687	4,891	
Total health and social services	950,143	980,651	942,416	38,235	
Parks and recreation:					
Administration.....	228,574	241,152	237,815	3,337	
Beach and court facilities.....	196,136	195,990	159,164	36,826	
Maintenance and repair.....	345,188	346,127	325,075	21,052	
Organized recreation activities.....	33,672	33,572	32,580	992	
Grounds, fields, building.....	215,886	216,022	179,200	36,822	
Total parks and recreation	1,019,456	1,032,863	933,834	99,029	

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Town of Darien, Connecticut – General Fund

Schedule of Expenditures and Other Financing Uses

Budget and Actual (Non-GAAP Budgetary Basis) – For the Year Ended June 30, 2006

	BUDGETED AMOUNTS				VARIANCE FAVORABLE (UNFAVORABLE)
	ORIGINAL	FINAL	ACTUAL		
Overhead and miscellaneous:					
Employee benefits.....	\$ 3,086,957	\$ 3,153,285	\$ 3,139,871	\$ 13,414	
Risk Management.....	844,806	856,513	806,989	49,524	
Contingency.....	535,350	25,886		25,886	
Total overhead and miscellaneous.....	4,467,113	4,035,684	3,946,860	88,824	
Library.....	2,299,729	2,299,729	2,299,729		
Board of Education - operations.....	56,685,593	56,788,052	56,639,497	148,555	
Board of Education - other.....	73,200	177,808	177,808		
Debt service:					
Schools.....	8,428,111	8,413,414	8,221,420	191,994	
Town.....	175,293	181,091	181,091		
Sewer.....	423,511	420,703	420,702	1	
Servicing bonds.....	3,000	3,000		3,000	
Total debt service.....	9,029,915	9,018,208	8,823,213	194,995	
Total expenditures.....	85,313,148	85,545,729	84,727,398	818,331	
Other financing uses:					
Transfers out:					
Animal Control.....	53,671	53,671	53,671		
Refuse disposal.....	203,500	203,500	203,500		
Retiree Medical.....	199,479	199,479	199,479		
Capital Non-Recurring Expenditures.....	2,384,503	2,625,403	2,625,403		
Total other financing uses.....	2,841,153	3,082,053	3,082,053		
TOTAL.....	\$88,154,301	\$88,627,782	87,809,451	\$818,331	
Budgetary expenditures are different than GAAP expenditures because:					
State of Connecticut "on-behalf" payments to the Connecticut State Teachers' Retirement System for					
Town teachers are not budgeted.....					
Encumbrances for purchases and commitments ordered but not received are reported in the year the					
order is placed for budgetary purposes, but in the year received for financial reporting purposes					
The Board of Education does not budget for certain intergovernmental grants which are credited					
against expenditures for budgetary reporting. These amounts are recorded as revenues and					
expenditures for financial reporting purposes.....					
Payment to escrow agent and refunding issuance costs are not budgeted (Issuance Costs \$321,075).....					
Total expenditures and other financing sources as reported on the statement of revenues, expenditures,					
and changes in fund balances - governmental funds - Exhibit IV.....					
			\$123,227,684		

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Town of Darien, Connecticut - Governmental Funds

Balance Sheet - June 30, 2006

ASSETS

	GENERAL	SEWER OPERATING	SEWER ASSESSMENT	CAPITAL PROJECTS	OTHER GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS	TOTAL GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
Cash and cash equivalents	\$15,506,364	\$6,446,099	\$ 902,541	\$1,620,244	\$1,102,015	\$25,577,263
Investments					645,602	645,602
Receivables, net	3,315,988	259,275	4,461,571	987,521	229,542	9,253,897
Due from other funds	312,316				253,105	565,421
Inventories					19,499	19,499
Other assets	348,884					348,884
TOTAL	\$19,483,552	\$6,705,374	\$5,364,112	\$2,607,765	\$2,249,763	\$36,410,566

**LIABILITIES
AND
FUND BALANCES**

Liabilities:						
Accounts and other payables	\$ 2,247,238	\$ 80,127	\$ 42,844	\$2,063,958	\$ 275,322	\$ 4,709,489
Due to other funds	253,105	5,837		170,889	135,590	565,421
Deferred revenue	3,118,393	259,275	4,461,571		985	7,840,224
Total liabilities	5,618,736	345,239	4,504,415	2,234,847	411,897	13,115,134
Fund balances (deficit):						
Reserved	228,555	18,455	859,697	695,217	734,798	2,536,722
Unreserved, reported in:						
General Fund	13,636,261					13,636,261
Special Revenue Funds		6,341,680		(322,299)	1,103,068	7,444,748
Capital Project Funds						(322,299)
Total fund balances (deficit)	13,864,816	6,360,135	859,697	372,918	1,837,866	23,295,432
TOTAL	\$19,483,552	\$6,705,374	\$5,364,112	\$2,607,765	\$2,249,763	

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net assets are different because:

Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the funds	156,511,094
Other long-term assets are not available to pay for current-period expenditures and, therefore, are deferred in the funds	7,839,239
Long-term liabilities, including bonds payable, are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported in the funds	(90,331,534)
Net assets of governmental activities	\$ 97,314,231

Town of Darien, Connecticut

Ratios of Outstanding Debt by Type

Last Ten Fiscal Years (thousands, except per capita)

. GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES .

FISCAL YEAR	GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS	CAPITAL LEASES	TOTAL PRIMARY GOVERNMENT	RATIO OF DEBT TO TAXABLE ASSESSED VALUE	DEBT PER CAPITA
2006	\$90,052	\$ 911	\$90,963	1.44%	\$4.43
2005	84,097	958	85,055	1.34	4.24
2004	70,187	1,101	71,288	1.13	3.56
2003	73,389	771	74,160	1.17	3.70
2002	47,006	969	47,975	0.76	2.44
2001	44,510	1,008	45,518	0.72	2.32
2000	47,930	156	48,086	0.76	2.45
1999	50,595	295	50,890	0.80	2.81
1998	42,300	438	42,738	0.68	2.22
1997	29,350	140	29,490	0.47	1.54

Notes: Details regarding the Town's outstanding debt can be found in the notes to the financial statements.

Town of Darien, Connecticut - General Fund

Report of Property Tax Collections

For the Year Ended June 30, 2006

GRAND LIST YEAR	UNCOLLECTED TAXES JUNE 30, 2005	CURRENT LEVYCORRECTIONS.....		TRANSFERS TO SUSPENSE	ADJUSTED TAXES COLLECTIBLECOLLECTIONS.....				UNCOLLECTED TAXES JUNE 30, 2006
			ADDITIONS	DEDUCTIONS			TAXES	INTEREST	LIENS	TOTAL	
1991	\$ 1,002					\$ 1,002		\$ 37		\$ 37	\$ 1,002
1992	1,035					1,035		188		188	1,035
1993	1,071					1,071		357		357	1,071
1994	4,154					4,154		689		689	4,154
1995	9,768					9,768	\$ 448	2,117		2,565	9,320
1996	12,352					12,352		1,534		1,534	12,352
1997	24,742		\$ 2			24,744	11,687	6,950	\$ 72	18,709	13,057
1998	29,015					29,015	1,518	8,039	48	9,605	27,497
1999	34,024			\$ 365		33,659	3,231	4,055	48	7,334	30,428
2000	68,929			496	\$22,017	46,416	3,995	3,782	72	7,849	42,421
2001	90,542			946	26,258	63,338	6,531	5,120	48	11,699	56,807
2002	154,993		1,005	1,912		154,086	35,342	9,048	168	44,558	118,744
2003	358,633		1,461	27,292		332,802	154,938	30,622	792	186,352	177,864
Total prior years	790,260		2,468	31,011	48,275	713,442	217,690	72,538	1,248	291,476	495,752
2004		\$82,235,212	120,314	144,061		82,211,465	81,786,428	165,512	24	81,951,964	425,037
TOTAL	\$790,260	\$82,235,212	\$122,782	\$175,072	\$48,275	\$82,924,907	\$82,004,118	\$238,050	\$1,272	\$82,243,440	\$920,789

YOUR TOWN

Officials (All as of January 1, 2007)

ELECTED OFFICIALS and BOARDS

Board of Selectmen

First Selectwoman

Evonne M. Klein

Members of the Board

Paul B. Hendrickson

Linda S. Santarella

Barbara L. Thorne

Susan K. Young

Town Clerk

Donna Rajczewski

Tax Collector

Robert Locke

Town Treasurer

Joan D. Hendrickson

State Representative

John J. Ryan

Judge of Probate

John B. Rearden, Jr.

Registrars of Voters

Thomas R. Dunn

Donald P. Smith

Board of Finance

Martha A. Banks

Douglas Craig Curtis, Jr.

Kathryn E. Hammell

Paul B. Hendrickson

Peter F. Hovell, Chairman

Thomas F. Volpe

Board of Education

John V. Boulton, Chairman

Elizabeth Hagerty-Ross

Susan T. Perticone

James M. Plutte

George A. Reilly

Clara C. Sartori

Heather L. Shea

Kimberly P. Westcott

Morgan B. Whittier

Board of Assessment

Appeals

Richard P. Dolcetti

Robert W. Finke, Chairman

Christopher S. Peters

Planning and Zoning

Commission

Peter Bigelow

Frederick B. Conze

Patrick J. Damanti, Chairman

Ursula W. Forman

David J. Kenny

Joseph H. Spain

Justices of the Peace

Thomas J. Alessi

Edward M. Axelrod

Eugene F. Coyle

Janet F. Grogan

Robert F. Harrel, Jr.

Cathy A. Hauck

Debra W. Hertz

Ann S. Mandel

Elizabeth L. Mason

Enid J. Oresman

Joseph Pankowski, Jr.

Marian T. Persico

Carolyn P. Schoonmaker

Anne W. Shaw

Charlotte T. Suhler

Barbara L. Thorne

Marc E. Thorne

Arlene F. Tulacro

Georgia Ann Von Schmidt

George V. Zengo

Constables

David W. Morgan

William J. Slinsky, Sr.

Joseph Tarnowsky, Jr.

Board of Ethics

A. James Cameron

Eugene F. Coyle

Mary Guimond

Seth W. Morton

Thomas W. Moore, Chairman

REPRESENTATIVE TOWN MEETING MEMBERS

DISTRICT I (17 Seats)

Term Expires

Ko, Catherine A. 2008

La Vecchia, Pasquale M. 2008

Price, John Francis 2008

Puzyk, Bohdana 2008

Schneider, Lois J. 2007

Scudder, Sylvia 2008

Sickinger, Tamsin 2008

Sommer, Jennifer 2008

DISTRICT II (16 Seats)

Term Expires

Bacon, Elizaabeth C. 2008

Conway, Karyn E. 2007

Flynn, Mary Forman 2007

Howe, James H. 2008

Johnson, Stephen S. 2008

Magida, Martin D. 2007

McGuire, Susannah M. 2008

McDermott, Emily Quinn 2007

Rae, Bruce David 2007

Rudnick, Michael B. 2008

Sheehan, Maureen F. 2007

Sullivan, Callie, A. 2007

Thorne, Marc E. 2008

Warren, Joseph R. 2008

Weicker, Penne B. 2007

DISTRICT III (18 Seats)

Term Expires

Bayne, Carolyn Golden 2007

Bayne, David F. 2007

Coyle, Eugene F. 2007

De Rocco, Michelle F. 2007

Duffy, Terrence, J. Jr. 2008

Fead, Dana H. 2008

Helms, Susan P. 2007

Hunter, Andrew Michael 2008

Kirby, Drew D. 2008

Lehan, Susan E. 2007

Maroney, Dennis J. 2008

Martens, David Byron 2007

Moore, Thomas W. 2007

Morton, Seth W. 2008

Olvany, Stephen P. 2008

Rogers, Donna Marie 2008

Smith, H. William, III 2007

Young, Robert E., Jr. 2007

DISTRICT IV (16 Seats)

Term Expires

Artinian, Harry L.M. 2007

Cameron, Angus J. 2007

Darby, Stephen Ellms 2008

Davis, Joan V. 2008

Eng, Jeffrey D. 2008

Kemp, Frank B. 2007

Millar, Andrew C. 2007

Morrison, Susan E. 2007

Pratt, Lee 2008

Rayhill, Brian J. 2008

Rycenga, Anita M. 2008

Savage, Sandra A. 2007

Schoonmaker, Carolyn P. 2008

Schoonmaker, 2008

Samuel V. III

Stark, Richard J. 2007

Weyhe, Philip D. 2008

DISTRICT V (16 Seats)

Term Expires

Adiletta, Mark R. 2008

Balian, Simon Y. 2008

Camuti, Christopher L. 2007

Dailey, Mark S. 2008

D'Arinzo, Pasquale J., Jr. 2007

Davis, Jack H. 2008

Galvin, Kathleen V. 2008

Gidseg, Barry M. 2007

Normile, John Joseph, Jr. 2008

Orr, Bruce Guest, Sr. 2007

Patrick, James M. 2007

Russell, Cheryl 2008

Stegelmann, Murry K. 2007

VanDerKeift, John W. III 2008

Wenger, Virgil E. 2007

DISTRICT VI (17 Seats)

Term Expires

Andrew, Charles F. 2007

Armour, Karen A. 2008

Preparing Tomorrow's Leaders

Baldwin, Barry R.	2008
Berl, Elsie D.	2007
Conologue, Diane G.	2008
DeMarco, Nelly M.	2007
Fingar, Lee J.	2008
Grogan, Janet F.	2008
Guimond, Mary	2008
Hawkins, Edgar M. III	2008
Jones, Bonita L.	2007
Kominek, Bernadette B.	2008
Pfeiffer, Richard J.	2007
Plehaty, S. Lloyd	2007
Stephens, Bryan S.	2007
Swenson, Gary C.	2007
Whitehead, John T.	2007

APPOINTED OFFICIALS

Board of Assessment

Appeals

Richard Dolcetti
Robert Finke, Chairman
Christopher Peters

Architectural Review Board

Sean Brown
Marian Castell
Cheryl Greene
Judith Groppa
Alison Hughes
Marion Kolbe
Susan Lawrence, Chairman
Timothy MacDonald
Barbara O'D. White

Beautification Commission

Robert Baker
Sandra Filmer
Linda Goodyear
Gerry McGrath
Marcia Meinert
Chris Merritt
Jonathan Olmsted
Janet Sargent, Chairman
John Schlachtenhaufen
Suzanne Schutte

Building Board of Appeals

Everett Drugge
Craig Flaherty
Joseph Kelly
Robert Rosic
Richard Wood

Cable TV Advisory Commission

Spencer Brainard
James Cameron
David Dever, Chairman
Raymond D. Slavin

Advisory Commission on Coastal Waters

Peter Blank
C. Lincoln Jewett
Frank Kemp
John McDonald, Chairman
Walter Raleigh
Cheryl Russell
Jon Schoudel
Palmer Sparkman
Henry Strauss

Commission on Aging

Jennifer Geddes, Chairman
Sal Giarratana
Ron Heinbaugh
Karen Joelson
Harriet May Lechak
Alexander Liu
Pat Morgan
Joseph Pankowsky, Jr.
Amy Squyres
Robin Woods

Commissioners of Social Services

Maura Carley
Nancy Herling
Debra Hertz, Chairman
Lisa Ioli
Bernadette Lynch
Kathy Saulitis
Maureen Wilks

Deer Management Committee

Brooks Chamberlain
Beth Drewes
Jerry Goersch
Kent Haydock, Chairman
Rick Littlefield
Don Miller
Peggy Peoples
Frank Rosenberry, Vice Chairman
Linda Verbeck

Environmental Protection Commission

Susan Cameron
Craig Flaherty
Peter Hillman, Chairman
M. Reese Hutchinson, III
Peter Kenyon, III
Ellen Kirby
Edwin Lewis

File Mile River Commission

David Campbell, Chairman
William Jessup
Matthew Marion
Theodore G. O'Neill

Housing Authority

Cynthia Ashburne
Francine Buchanan
Janet Evans
Susan Kostin
Anne Lynn, Chairman

Information Technology Committee

Jeff Adams
Jean Benitez
Louise Berry
John Crary
Dave Dever
Jeremy Ginsberg
Peter Hovell, Chairman
Duane Lovello
Franklin Penn

Lloyd Plehaty
Heather Shea
Patricia Watson

Monuments and Ceremonies Committee

Marian Castell
Edward Carabillo
Phillip Kraft, Chairman
Donald Miller
Philip A. Morehouse
John Geoghegan
Karen Polett
Kenneth Reiss
Duane Lovello
Charles F. Scribner
George Walsh
Eugene B. White

Operations Planning Committee

Karen Armour
John N. Crary
Patrick Damanti
Peter F. Hovell
Evonne M. Klein, Chairman
John Boulton

Parks and Recreation Commission

Jane Branigan, Acting Chairman
Michael Cattano
Charles Goodyear
Gwynne Grimes
Merrie Hawley
Martha Caroline Luz
David Maloof
Robert Marchesi
Douglas Milne
A. Wyman Procter

Parking Ticket Hearing Officers

Michael Grogan

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Preparing Tomorrow's Leaders

TOWN

Department Heads

Police Commission

Douglas Campbell, Chairman
J. Paul Johnson
Peter Truebner

Police Pension Board

Douglas Campbell
J. Paul Johnson
Sgt. Ray Osborne
Peter Truebner, Chairman
Thomas Volpe

Selectmen's Emergency Management Committee

Karen Armour
Jim Baker
Robert Buch
Harry Carey
Michael Cotta
John Crary
Paul Engemann
Donald Fiftal
Joan Gildea
Alison Graham
Frazer Herbert
George Kingston
Evonne M. Klein, Chairman
Douglas Lockhart
Duane Lovello
Lisa Mason
John McDonald
Marc McEwan, Emergency Management Director
David Medd
Judy Morrison
James Patrick
Scott Plank
Robert Price
Vincent Proto
Charles Saverine
Robert Steeger
Christopher Swan
Susan Swiatek
Dr. Dorothy Turnbull
Michael Vitti
Susan Warren
Jeanne Yusko

Sewer Commission

William Doughman, Chairman
Rocco Genovese
Anne Shaw
Arthur Van Sciver
Peter Van Winkle

SWRPA Representatives

David Kenny

Town Historian

Marian Castell

Town Pension Board

John Crary, Clerk
Kathy Hammell, Chairman
Edmond Morse
Bruce Sargent
Thomas Volpe
John Whitehead

Youth Commission

Geoffrey Ball
Karen Brennan
Holly Kelly
Keeley Kriskey
Meghan Moore
Kevin O'Halloran
Carl Pombar

Zoning Board of Appeals

Victor Capellupo
Charles Deluca
Gary Greene
Richard Sanford, Chairman
Alfred Tibbetts
Alternates:
Ruth Anne Ramsey
Peter Thoren
Jeffrey Williams

Administrative Officer

John Crary

Assessor

Anthony Homicki

Building Official

Charles Saverine

Assistant Building Official

Peter Solheim

Emergency Management

Director

Marc McEwan

Emergency Medical Services

Director

Susan Warren

Finance Department

Finance Director

Kate Clarke Buch

Fire Departments

Darien Chief

Douglas Lockhart

Noroton Chief

Michael Vitti

Noroton Heights Chief

Scott Plank

Fire Marshal

Robert Buch

Harbor and Docks

Harbor Master

Robert Price

Deputy Harbor Master

Eugene McGarry

Five Mile River

Harbor Master

David Campbell

Noroton Harbor Dockmaster

Jeffrey Eng

Health Director

Dr. Margaret McLaughlin

Dir. of Environmental Health

Vincent Proto

Human Resources Director

Alison Graham

Parks and Recreation Dir.

Susan Swiatek

Assistant Director

Jim Coghlan

Planning and Zoning Dir.

Jeremy Ginsberg

Asst. Dir./Zoning

Enforcement Officer

David Keating

Police Department

Chief

Duane Lovello

Captains

Frederick Komm

Gary Pavia

Public Works/Sewer Services

Director

Robert Steeger

Assistant Director

Darren Oustafine

Schools

Superintendent

Donald Fiftal

Assistant Superintendents

Dr. Stephen Falcone

Dr. Judith Pandolfo

Director of Finance

Marjorie Montague

Director of Facilities

& Construction

Paul Engemann

Town Counsel

John Wayne Fox

Tree Warden

Michael Cotta

Senior Center Director

Nancy Zengo

Assistant Senior Center Dir.

Carolyn Lewis

Social Services Director

Judith Morrison

Youth Director

Alicia Comesana-Vila

LICENSES, PERMITS and Certificates

WHERE TO APPLY FOR LICENSES, PERMITS AND CERTIFICATES

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Building Permit
Certificate of Compliance
Certificate of Occupancy
Demolition Permit
Electrical Permit
Heating/Ventilation/A.C. Permit
Plumbing Permit

FIRE MARSHAL

Blasting Permit
Flammable Liquid Tank Permit

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Clamming Permit
Food Establishment License
Garbage Collector's License
Sewage Disposal Permit
Sewage Transportation License
Well Permit

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

Beach Permit
Permit for Use of Parks or Fields
Permit to Rent a Room at Town Hall

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

Automobile Repairer's Compliance
Automobile Repairer's License
Inland Wetlands Permit
Sign Permit
Site Plan Approval (Business Zones)
Special Permit for Land Filling,
Excavation, and Earth Removal
Special Permit for Soil Erosion and
Sediment Control
Variance from Zoning Regulations
Zoning Map or Regulation Amendment
Zoning Permit
Application to Conduct a Regulated Activity
within an Inland Wetlands Area

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Auction Permit
Bazaar, Bingo or Raffle Permit
Bicycle Registration
Peddler's, Solicitor's, or Vendor's License
Permit to Conduct Games of Chance
Pistol Permit
Tag Sale Permit

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Refuse Disposal Area Permit
Street Opening Permit
Building Sewer Permit
Garbage Disposal Unit Permit
Septic Tank Disposal Permit

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

Voter Registration

SELECTMEN'S OFFICE

Parking Permit
Lodging House License

TOWN CLERK

Death Certificate
Dog License
Fishing License
Hunting License
Marriage License
Voter Registration

TELEPHONE Directory

FIRE, POLICE OR AMBULANCE EMERGENCIES:

DIAL 9-1-1

TOWN DEPARTMENTS

Administrative Officer	656-7338*
Animal Control Officer	655-8686
Assessor	656-7310
Building	656-7347
Clerk, Town	656-7307
Finance	656-7334
Fire Marshal	656-7345
Health	656-7320
Housing Authority	655-0866
Information Technology	656-7402
Parks and Recreation	656-7325
Human Resources	656-7391
Planning and Zoning	656-7351
Police (routine)	662-5300
Probate Court	656-7342
Public Works Garage	655-0133
Public Works Director	656-7346
Registrar of Voters	656-7316
School Administration	656-7400
Selectmen	656-7338
Sewers	656-7331
Social Services	656-7328
Solid Waste Transfer Station	655-7663
Tax Collector	656-7314
Tree Warden	866-8614
Youth Commission	656-7326
Zoning Enforcement	656-7352
For information on services not listed	656-7300

* All area codes are 203

TOWN Statistics

POPULATION OF DARIEN FEDERAL CENSUS FIGURES SINCE 1860

1860	1,705	1940	9,222
1870	1,808	1950	11,767
1880	1,948	1960	18,437
1890	2,276	1970	20,411
1900	3,116	1980	18,892
1910	3,946	1990	18,196
1920	4,184	2000	19,607
1930	6,951		

OTHER FACTS

Area of Town: 14.9 Sq. Miles

Bond Rating: Aaa

Date of Incorporation: 1820

Form of Government: Selectmen, Representative Town Meeting

Registered Voters (August 1, 2006): 11,932

Road Mileage:

State: 11.02 Miles

Town: 81.08 Miles

Town Grand List (Oct. 1, 2004): \$6,331,280,145

Town Tax Rate (FY 2005-2006): 13.02 Mills



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